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Local

Tinian slowly getting back up

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REPORTER

The Tinian municipality is slowly getting back to normalcy with the help of federal partners. Saipan's neighbor was hit the hardest when Super Typhoon Yutu hit the island head on late Wednesday night and early Thursday morning.

Satellite images from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration showed Yutu's eye totally encircling the island, which is just 39 square miles.

In a statement, Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas said that Yutu nearly oblitirated Tinian. "Our people have lost their homes and many of their belongings. There is no running water, our stores have run out of drinking water, and out gas stations are currently inoperable," said San Nicolas.

He assured, though, that the Tinian Municipal Operations Center had already began bringing essential resources to the island's residents with the help of federal, and local public, private partners.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the American Red Cross had already began distributing humanitarian rations and bottled water, while the potable water had also been distributed straight from the local aquifer with the help of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Department of Fire and Emergency Management Services, and the Department of Public Safety.

"However, many residents have run out of fuel and cannot avail of these services or do so with great difficulty. Despite these challenges, [the TMOC] is making headway in bringing essential resources back to our residents," said San Nicolas.

"We are currently working with local private sector partners to install a generator at the Maui well pump to kickstart water distribution. We are also working with [DoD] in partnership with FEMA to establish a reverse osmosis system to make more water available for Tinian residents."

On Sunday, San Nicolas and Rep. Edwin P. Aldan (R-Tinian) announced during a Facebook video post that the Tinian International Airport had opened for humanitarian and military operations while Star Marianas had also resumed its flight reservations.

"The Tinian port is also open for daylight operations. Additionally, the [MOC] is working diligently with our two local gas stations to re-establish access to gas," said San Nicolas.

San Nicolas said those who wanted to donate should prioritize giving dinking and potable water, non-perishable food items, sanitary wipes (body use), mosquito coils or repellents, tents, and flashlights with batteries.

Saipan residents who want to donate goods to Tinian can get in touch the Office of Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider at 285-0230 or senator.juh.staff@gmail.com or for Guam residents at the U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam at 687-0277.

Water status

In another Facebook video post with Sen. Hude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), San Nicolas said a 400-kilowatt generator arrived yesterday

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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OPENS SUNDAY

Airlines fly out over 600 outbound passengers

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Airlines flew out over 600 passengers as soon as the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport opened for commercial flights last Sunday.

Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Christopher S. Tenorio said United Airlines, Sichuan Airlines, and Asiana Airlines had a total of 681 outbound passengers.

Tenorio said there was no available information from Hong Kong Express, Beijing Capital Air, China Eastern Air, and Hong Kong Airlines as to their number of outbound passengers.

Tenorio said there were several U.S. military aircrafts that brought in relief goods.

He said CPA worked with Korean Consul General Lim Hee Soon to pick up stranded passengers on four C-130 South Korean military aircrafts.

He said they were advised that the U.S. military will stop using C-130 aircraft and will now be using helicopters.

He disclosed that Star Marianas brought in two flights with returning residents from Rota and sent off relief goods to Tinian.

Federal Emergency Management Agency personnel continue to receive cargo from military aircrafts.

Tenorio said debris cleanup continues around the airport and that the water tank is being refilled.

He said the airport generator is still up and running 24 hours but powering only portions of the facility.

The Port of Saipan is open and has received the U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Sequoia*, which is on island to assess the ports and deliver relief goods.

For Tinian, Tenorio said the Tinian International Airport is estimated to open within a week, but flight operations are still limited to humanitarian aid, medical referrals and relief goods only.

He said the fence line was erected temporarily, while the airport received 500 gallons of diesel for their generator.

He said the airport's flight service office has been temporarily removed to its administration office.

The port of Tinian is open.

For Rota, the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport is open and power has been restored.

Tenorio said the Rota West Harbor fence line is down and debris cleanup continues.

ARC to go house to house to distribute relief goods

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The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter plans to visit typhoon-affected families at their homes to distribute relief goods to ensure that all those affected by the Category 5 howler would get the relief they need.

John Hirsch, American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director, said the chapter expects its stock of relief goods to be replenished in the next three days or so and that's when they plan to do home deliveries.

"We provided all our relief supplies because we didn't have that much inventory here on Saipan because we had just given out a lot of them on Rota for [Typhoon] Mangkhut, so we're waiting for the replenishment of our supplies to come in and that should probably be in the next three days… we're hopeful they will arrive by airplane and then…we will start to do another round of distributions," he said.

The chapter aims to make the next relief distribution more targeted by reaching deep into affected villages.

"What we're probably going to do in the next round of distributions is we're going to do it more targeted…we're going to be going house to house, giving out the supplies more that way…" he said.

According to Hirsch, the chapter's volunteer needs are going to go up and down over the next few weeks.

"Right now we're waiting for the shipment of our emergency supplies to come in so for the next couple of days we don't need that many volunteers, but in three or four days we might need 100 volunteers," he said.

Hirsch is asking the community to remain patient because help is coming, but it takes time.

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MULTI-AGENCY UPDATES

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All CNMI government offices will resume operations today from 9am to 3pm on weekdays until further notice. This will be considered a full 8-hour working day for timesheets and paycheck purposes.

Non-critical government employees who cannot make it to work must notify their immediate supervisor and apply for personal leave.

Public schools

All public schools remain closed until further notice due to massive damage sustained by seven campusess.

The Northern Marianas International School will resume operations today from 8am to 4:30pm.

The Saipan International School will resume classes today from 7:45am to 1:15pm.

Commonwealth Transit Authority

COTA's demand response service will be up and running. Services will run from 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday to Saturday and will be closed on Sundays.

Reservations are on a first-come, first-serve basis and reservations must be made two days in advance. For reservations, call 664-2690.

Post office

The Saipan Post Office has reopened.

According to the U.S. Postal Service in Honolulu, Hawaii, mail has been delivered to P.O. boxes and the retail and parcel pickup windows have resumed operation. Saipan customers are encouraged to visit the post office regularly to check for incoming mail and packages.

The Rota Post Office has also reopened for business as usual

Banks

All First Hawaiian Bank Saipan branches are open from 9am to 1pm.

According to FHB Hagatna, Guam, all First Hawaiian Bank Saipan branches to open during the week for limited business hours from 9am to 1pm.

FHB customers with internet may access their account via FHB Online and FHB Mobile or may call the bank's Customer Service Center at 1-888-844-4444.

Bank of Guam has resumed operation since yesterday and the following operating hours are effective:

- Saipan Garapan branch: 9:30am to 2:30pm, Monday through Friday
- Saipan Chalan Piao: Closed
- Rota: Normal hours
- Tinian: Closed

Bank of Guam is also offering a 90-day loan payment deferment program to CNMI loan customers. The usual loan revision fee will be waived. This offer is for consumer, credit card, mortgage, and commercial loan. Terms and conditions apply. This offer is valid until Dec. 31, 2018. Borrowers may apply online or at any branch

Bank of Hawaii has resumed normal operating hours for its Gualo Rai branch on Saipan since last Saturday.

Businesses open

Stores

Welcome Market SR – Open

New Sara Market (Capitol Hill) – Open

Capitol Hill Market – Open

Happy Market – Open

Lucky D (Dandan) – Open and accepts cards, but are currently out of bottled water

Rising Market (Koblerville) – Open and accepts cards

Green Consume 2 (Chalan Laulau) – Open

Joeten Dandan and Garapan – Open and accepts cards

Han Nam (Koblerville) – Open and accepts cards

Shun fu (Middle Road) – Open, cash basis only

Gas stations

Mobil gas stations

- Chalan Kiya, 8am - 7:30pm, Cash Only
- Garapan, Monday – Sunday, 8am - 7pm, Cash Only
- Kagman, Monday – Sunday, 8am - 7pm, Cash/Credit Card
- Susupe, Monday – Sunday, 8am - 7pm, Cash/Cards
- Sadog Tasi, Monday – Sunday, 8am - 7pm, Cash/Card
- Tanapag, Monday – Sunday, 8am - 7pm, Cash/Card
- Koblerville, Inoperable
- Chalan Piao, Inoperable

Shell gas stations

- Dandan, Monday – Sunday, 7am - 7pm, Cash/Card
- Gualo Rai (right of FHB), Monday – Sunday, 7am - 7pm, Cash/Card
- Highway Express Gualo Rai, Monday – Sunday, 7am - 7pm, Cash/Card
- Puerto Rico, Monday – Sunday, 7am - 7pm, Cash/Cards
- San Roque, Monday – Sunday, 7am - 5pm for government vehicles; 5pm-7pm for general public, Cash/Card
- Koblerville, Inoperable
- Susupe, Inoperable
- Airport road, Inoperable

Propane

Wushin (open tomorrow 8am-5pm) – No filling up of cars; just containers drums

Restaurants

- Subway Gualo Rai – Open
- Herman's Bakery – Cash only
- Triple J Restaurants – Tony Roma's, Capricciosa, Surf Club, Bubba Gump, and Great Harvest – Open
- J's Gualo Rai – Open for take-out
- Himawari – Open and accepting cards
- Shirley's Garapan – Open
- Tony's Seafood – $5, 5 choice

Water companies

- Saipan Ice – Open, limit 3 bags of ice
- Star Water – Open, selling 5-gal water

Laundromats

- Lucky D (Dandan) – Open
- Kagman Laundry – Open

No laundromats in San Roque are open.

- Evergreen Laundromat (Dandan across Joeten) – Closed
- Winners (across Garapan Elementary) – Open

None of the laundromats in Koblerville are open as they have sustained damage.

- Cool Laundromat (Fina Sisu) – Closed until further notice

Hardware Stores

- Korea Hardware – Open
- Do It Best (YCO) As Terlaje – Open
- Ace Hardware Susupe – Open & accepts cards
- Ace Hardware Gualo Rai & San Vicent – Open
- YCO Garapan – Open and accepting cards

BOH donates $25,000 for CNMI relief efforts

Bank of Hawaii Foundation announced yesterday contributions totaling $25,000 to help relief efforts underway in Saipan.

The American Red Cross will receive $15,000 and $10,000 will go to The Salvation Army-Hawaiian and Pacific Islands Division.

"We recognize that the devastation is widespread and recovery efforts will be extensive, and our thoughts are with all those who have been affected," said Momi Akimseu, Bank of Hawaii Foundation president. "Humanitarian work by The American Red Cross and The Salvation Army are already underway, and the agencies will help to ensure that these funds are directed to people and areas with the highest need." ***(PR)***

MCS eyes reopening in a month

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Devastated and all by Super Typhoon Yutu's over 200 mph winds, Mt. Carmel School may still reopen in a month, according to MCS president Galvin Deleon Guerrero.

Deleon Guerrero noted in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the classrooms of the private school are intact despite some flooding. With the classrooms in fairly good shape, he suspects the school could be reopened in a month.

"…The classrooms are fine," he said during the school cleanup yesterday morning, which was attended by about 100 high school students and some other parent volunteers. "Right now, it is a matter of restoring power and water, maybe even internet access," he said, adding that water pumps and water tanks in the school are fine while the school is in the process of procuring generators.

He noted, though, that both the library and the MCS gym remained heavily damaged.

"…The library I've already declared that it was off-limits to everybody—[the library] is going to take professional work. The gym was bad before but we were able to make it work [but] this is bad, the gym is 100 percent gone," he said.

The MCS campus also sustained damage to their walkways, the playground, and their iconic campus tree, which was planted by students from the Class of 1977.

"They planted that tree in 1977 and it withstood all those storms until now. We've got to clear this for the safety of our [students]," he said.

Deleon Guerrero said Typhoon Jean's rampage in 1968 was the previous "worst storm to hit the Marianas."

"Fifty years ago the school got devastated by Typhoon Jean. At the time, Fr. Arnold Bendowski and the Mercedarian Sisters did not have Federal Emergency Management Agency, insurance, and the resources that we had, but they were able to rebuild," he said.

Aetna Insurance provides employee assistance

In response to the destruction caused by Super Typhoon Yutu, Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson said that Aetna International Insurance has put the following procedures in place to ensure members in the CNMI can access the health care they need during this extremely difficult time.

- Temporary waiver for any preauthorization or precertification requirements for members requiring medical treatments. Most doctors in CNMI are in the Aetna International network, so they will bill Aetna directly, on behalf of your members.
- If members need to use providers that aren't part of Aetna's network, they can submit their claims for reimbursement. If they've lost their receipts, members can call Aetna's Member Service Center for help.
- Aetna's Pharmacy team stands ready to help authorize prescription refills for members who may have lost their medications in the typhoon. Members should contact their pharmacy regarding their refills and Aetna will ensure their systems allow them to receive their prescriptions.
- Members should take advantage of Aetna's Employee Assistance Program. This is included with their Aetna International health and wellness plan and gives members free access to telephone and face-to-face counseling sessions with behavioral health professionals. Members can also contact EAP if they need help finding local services and support.

Members can call the Member Service Center at 800-231-7729 (toll free) or 813-775-0190 (collect) and ask to be transferred to an EAP counselor. The Our Care and Response Excellence (CARE) team of clinicians are available to help members. You can contact a clinician by calling their Member Service Center or dialing 800-556-1555.

For more information, call Aetna International Member Services: 800-231-7729, Care and Response Excellence (CARE) Team: 800-556-1555, and Employee Assistance Program (EAP): 855-449-4816. ***(PR)***

CNMI courts sustain damage due to Yutu

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The local courts on Saipan and Tinian weren't spared damage from the onslaught of Super Typhoon Yutu.

According to a press release from the CNMI Judiciary, the Guma' Hustisia on Saipan sustained major damage and is currently unsafe for both the public and staff. It is closed until further notice

The Kotten Tinian sustained minor damage and is anticipated to be operational within a week.

The Centron Hustisia on Rota is operational and open to the public during regular business hours.

The Judiciary's alternative site at the Northern Marianas College sustained damage that must be assessed before operations can occur.

However, court hearings will continue to be scheduled at the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Judiciary has not identified an appropriate site to conduct traffic cases just yet. An announcement will be made at a later date regarding the venue for traffic cases.

The Judiciary is currently working to find other alternate sites to provide essential court services, ensure access to justice, and provide a continuity of court operations.

"We appreciate the public's patience and understanding as we work toward rebuilding our Judiciary and our islands," states the release.

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with the help of the Army Corps of Engineers, CUC, FEMA, and the CNMI Governor's Office.

The generator was brought to the Marpo Valley pump station and was connected to the Maui Well. CUC energized the Maui Pump Station No. 2, but water distribution throughout the island was stopped due to reports of breaks and leaks on the pipes.

"Water in most areas will be suspended so issues can be resolved," said San Nicolas. "CUC is suspending service at this time in order to address the breaks."

He added that residents can report broken water pipes or leaks at 433-9256 and at regular working hours at 789-9482, 783-0062, and 285-9146 or at the Tinian MOC during regular working hours at 433-1803.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE
The stand at the Point Break facility of the Pacific Islands Club collapsed due to powerful winds of Super Typhoon Yutu. Other hotels in the southern part of Saipan suffered major damage.

NMI tourism takes a direct hit

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The primary—and only—driver of the CNMI economic engine, the tourism industry, took a direct hit from the disaster wrought by Super Typhoon Yutu.

» 'Full effect of devastation has yet to be seen'

All hotels suffered some damage, but the ones in the southern part of Saipan sustained extensive destruction.

The damage is so bad that its full effect on the tourism industry has yet to be seen, according to Christopher A. Concepcion, the Marianas Visitors Authority managing director.

Concepcion said hotels in the south of the island like the Coral Ocean Golf Resort in Koblerville and the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio experienced widespread damage.

At PIC, the Point Break facility collapsed due to powerful winds. Other facilities also had severe damage.

Concepcion said LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort also suffered some damage but not as significant as Coral Ocean Point Golf Resort.

Concepcion said the Aqua Resort Club and Kensington Hotel had some minor damage.

"We have yet to hear from other major hotels," he said over the weekend.

The MVA office itself in San Jose had extensive flooding but Concepcion said they were set to resume normal operations yesterday to allow the tourism industry to regain some sense of normalcy in all this chaos.

He said Sunday's partial re-opening of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport for outbound passengers will help relieve the situation.

"The airport is such a critical piece of infrastructure, so getting it up and running is absolutely essential for recovery to take place," Concepcion said.

He said all tourist sites on Saipan and Tinian sustained damage. "A full assessment is ongoing at this time," he said.

For now, Concepcion said, they want to reassure visitors that the CNMI government and its partners are doing everything in their power to assist tourists and residents alike.

He encouraged visitors planning to travel to the CNMI to contract their travel agent, hotel, or airline for updated information.

The MVA has begun an informational campaign in their major source markets of Japan, Korea, China, Taiwan, and Russia to keep the market informed of what's happening and what to expect.

"Our aim is to minimize panic in the market. At some point soon, the tourism industry must continue to move forward as this is the economic engine of the CNMI," Concepcion said.

NMIRF offers 3-month loan deferment

The Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund will be offering a loan payment deferment of three months to ease financial burdens.

"As our entire Commonwealth focuses on recovery and relief efforts, we want to ensure that we alleviate hardship for our community as much as we can. I extend my appreciation to Finance Secretary [Larrisa] Larson and the NMIRF for their collaboration. While we prioritize basic necessities such as food, water and shelter in our community, we want our retirees to know that we are all working together to return back to normalcy," said Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

Larson explained that, with the recovery efforts currently in progress, NMIRF will be offering a loan payment deferment of three months for November, December and January for both the principal loan payments and all accruing interest for NMIRF borrowers and debtors from Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Detailed information regarding the deferment are as follows:

1. Thirty-day loan deferment is automatically granted to all NMIRF borrowers and debtors. No request is necessary.

2. After the initial 30 days, if the borrowers and debtors need additional time, NMIRF will provide additional 60 days (December and January) of loan payment deferment. However, NMIRF borrowers and debtors are required to notify NMIRF of their request to avail of this additional time, either by phone, email or in person.

3. No interest will accrue for the entire 90-day period. If borrowers and debtors choose to make payments during the loan deferment period, all payments will be applied to the principal loan balance.

4. Please note that for loans that are delinquent for more than 30 days, this offer on loan payment deferral will not cure the delinquent amounts owed.

5. NMIRF borrowers and debtors who have not previously refinanced will be eligible to refinance.

For more information, contact NMIRF program manager Velma Palacios at (670) 664-1100. ***(PR)***

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Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships For Success

Public Service Announcement - Availability of Federal Funds

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation: Community Guidance Center's Substance Abuse Prevention Services Unit is pleased to announce the availability of federal funds, through the Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships For Success (SPF PFS) grant for eligible organizations in the CNMI to apply. This project is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Details of the grant and funds available are listed below.

I. **Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships For Success (SPF PFS): FY2019 $425,000**
(Each applicant, with the exception of a previous SPF PFS sub grant recipient, is able to apply for a sub grant award of up to $40,000. A previous SPF PFS sub grant recipient is able to apply for a sub grant award of up to $100,000.)

The planning and implementation of this grant award will focus on four primary goals:

1. **Prevent or reduce consequences of underage drinking and adult problem drinking and drinking and driving with emphasis in persons ages 12-20**
2. **Reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse with emphasis on persons ages 12-25**
3. **Collaborate with other behavioral health prevention areas utilizing the Strategic Prevention Framework**
4. **Evaluate all activities**

The SPF PFS provides awarded communities with the opportunity to build and/or strengthen an effective and sustainable evidence-based prevention program that is responsive to the needs of the CNMI community. Community programs are required to implement evidence-based prevention programs focused on the following priorities that have been determined by Community Guidance Center's Substance Abuse Prevention Services Unit:

1) **Underage Drinking and/or**
2) **Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse**

This grant award requires a Strategic Prevention Framework to help guide communities toward successful program management process following the five steps below:
1) Assessment: Accurately assess community problems, assets, and resources;
2) Capacity: Describe current capacity and/or plans to build capacity;
3) Planning: Develop a comprehensive Strategic Plan;
4) Implement: Identify the evidence-based program, policy, or practice to be implemented;
5) Evaluate: Process and impact evaluation through monitoring and documentation of program implementation.

In order to be eligible to apply, an applicant must be a non-profit organization or government agency with at least twenty-five active youth participants, have not been defunded as a SPF SIG and/or SPF PFS sub grant recipient, AND required to implement an evidence-based curriculum.

The Project Director will make the final recommendation in consultation and collaboration with the CGC Director on applications based off of proficiency areas aimed at sustaining substance abuse prevention outcomes. The grant application guidelines detail the information required.

Sub-Grant Application forms and guidelines may be obtained at the Substance Abuse Prevention Services Unit Office at the CHCC: Community Guidance Center, conveniently located on the 2nd Floor of TSL Plaza (Beach Road, Garapan) or the Substance Abuse Prevention offices on Rota and Tinian.

All completed applications must be submitted to the CHCC: CGC Substance Abuse Prevention Services Unit office on Saipan and the CGC personnel on Tinian and Rota no later than 3:30 p.m. on November 9, 2018.

For more information, please contact Ms. Kimberly S. Tudela at 323-6560 or kmstudela@gmail.com (Saipan); Mr. Keith Nabors, Prevention Coordinator (Tinian) at 433-6572 or tiniantyphoon@hotmail.com; or Ms. Benedicta San Nicolas, Behavioral Health Coordinator (Rota) at 532-9461 or benedicta.sannicolas@gmail.com.

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For and on behalf of
DB Insurance Co., Ltd.

By:

Shinchul Kim
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Place: Saipan, CNMI

AT HEIGHT OF SUPER TYPHOON YUTU

Many found restrooms the safest

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REPORTER

For many people, their restrooms became their refuge for several horrifying hours during Super Typhoon Yutu's fury.

In an apartment in Finasisu, eight people squeezed inside a restroom measuring only about one meter wide and three meters in length.

Mariano Postoriogo, 45, a construction worker, said they were all wet and praying inside the restroom as powerful winds pounded on their apartment units.

"I thought it was my end. I was thinking of my family back in the Philippines," said Postoriogo in Tagalog.

He said he was inside his small apartment unit when strong winds blew away the tin roof of his room, then a concrete wall next to his room collapsed Tuesday at 11pm.

This prompted Postoriogo to get out of his unit. He and seven others living in the same apartment almost simultaneously barged inside the common restroom.

He said they became all wet as the tin roof of the bathroom itself got blown away. A dangling ceiling plywood protected their heads from rain and flying debris.

At 2am Wednesday, they all felt it was not safe in the restroom anymore, so they all got out. They gathered along the apartment's hallway, which was protected by concrete walls.

Michael Miguel, 41, also a construction worker, was among the eight who sought refuge in the restroom. He said the tin roof of his unit was ripped apart so he decided to run outside.

Soaked in rain, Miguel was fervently praying while holding on to his valuable possession—a bag that contained his passport, CW visa, money, and other documents.

Like Postoriogo, Miguel thought it was his end and kept thinking about his children in the Philippines.

The two men's appliances and clothes became all wet.

In Chalan Kanoa, a man who asked to be named Rey said he and his family locked themselves inside their restroom for several hours as their house was completely destroyed around them. After the typhoon, only the restroom was still standing in the rubble.

Rey and his family later proceeded to the Saipan Southern High School shelter.

Those in concrete apartment units were also not spared.

Nadine, a resident of Susupe, said she stayed in the bathroom for about three hours as the glass windows of her unit shattered.

"It was a horrifying experience," said Nadine, who just arrived on Saipan from the U.S. mainland a few months ago.

For others, the low barometric pressure of Yutu contributed to glass windows being shattered. "My windows were actually fine until I opened the door to the bedroom to check and that's when the windows shattered," said a resident of Finasisu Terraces. He eventually sought refuge in his unit's restroom, to escape flying shards of glass. The low barometric pressure also caused many to have painful eardrums and to hear popping sounds.

'I hid under the kitchen sink'

By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

One of those who survived Super Typhoon Yutu's fierce winds was forced to hide under the kitchen sink for a good two hours just to save his life.

Maria Belibei, who resides in a two-bedroom apartment in San Antonio during the onslaught of Yutu, had her tin roof blown away. She noted that, while her walls were concrete, the wind damage was so great that one wall fell on her car.

"The whole roof was blown away with some parts of wood and the ceiling left behind in the kitchen," she recalled in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*. Belibei noted that she did not prepare for her roof to be blown away at around 1am, considering that her house was all concrete.

"When it blew away, I couldn't save anything—I didn't have a place to set aside where it won't get wet," she said.

Belibei currently lives with her common-law husband. Together, they have three cars altogether, all of which were beaten up by flying debris during Yutu's over 180mph gusts.

"Some parts of the concrete wall were starting to break away from the wind. It was starting to crumble, so I saved myself by hiding under the kitchen sink because that was the only place I could think of that was safe," Belibei recalled, adding that she hid with her husband under the sink.

She noted that their double garages were completely blown away.

With no other place to go, Belibei and her husband still stay in the same house, taking shelter under a makeshift roof made out of a large tarp.

"All my friends also had their places blown away, so why would I ask them for help? I tried calling hotels, but they were all fully booked," she said.

Saipan Tribune chanced upon Belibei in a laundromat in Garapan, where she was one of several that lined up to get their clothes washed.

"Everybody doesn't have water and power, so it is useless to bother our friends since we are all in the same situation," she said.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUCEMENT

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Free San Antonio clinic sees 88

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. began offering free clinical services yesterday throughout the week in the southern area of Saipan.

In a statement, CHCC noted that it would be offering free clinical services at a satellite clinic next to the San Antonio basketball courts from 7am to 4:30pm everyday this week until Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018.

As of 4pm yesterday, the clinic has already been able to see 88 patients, according to Kaitlyn Neises, CHCC's special assistant for policy, sustainability, and development.

The San Antonio satellite clinic works in collaboration with the Disaster Medical Assistance Team providers, with oversight and support from CHCC's Family Care Clinic.

Services offered by the clinic include limited vaccines; triage services; first aid; limited pharmacy; urgent care; and limited public health services such as family planning.

In order to avail of the free clinical services, patients are asked to bring a form of identification and any medications they are on. Patients may also bring their empty prescription bottles or a list of their medications.

The corporation yesterday also did a medical assessment for the largest shelter populations on Saipan, the Marianas High School, and the Koblerville Elementary School, which could accommodate a total of 180 shelterees.

Two teams from the corporation that were each composed of a medical doctor or medical epidemiologist, one nurse, one immunization staff, one clerk, one pharmacy technician, and one crisis counselor each visited MHS and KES yesterday to do primary assessments.

According to a statement from CHCC, they looked at MHS and KES first before addressing the others due to the larger population of the schools compared to the others.

The teams provided triage services for the medical needs of the shelterees; medical refills of chronic medications such as diabetes, hypertension, and thyroid disease, flu, tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough, and pneumonia vaccinations; and crisis counseling for the shelterees.

CHCC information officer Samantha Birmingham-Babauta noted in an email that CHCC is still currently in talks with the Public School System to identify which shelters they intend to visit next.

CUC water is non-potable

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is providing emergency service by opening up water filling stations for the public to retrieve water for the next few days as Saipan continues to recover from Super Typhoon Yutu.

Water is metered and each vehicle will be allowed to receive up to 50 gallons of water due to the limited water supply that CUC currently has available in its tanks.

Water is non-potable and should be mainly used for non-consumption use. Residents are advised to boil and/or treat the water with chlorine by adding 16 drops (1/8 teaspoon) of liquid chlorine "bleach" per gallon of water. *(CUC)*

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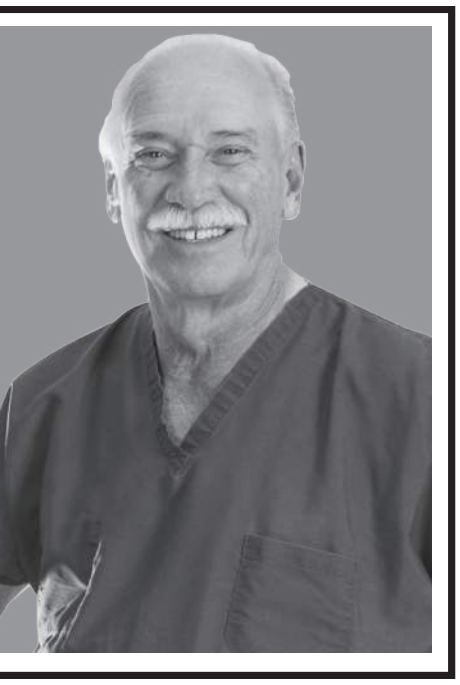

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-18-022

ROTA WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS PHASE 2 PROJECT
(W17-053)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Rota Water System Improvements Phase 2 Project in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists, in general installation of a new main waterline; connections to the existing waterlines; installation of gate valve assembly, PRV installations, PRV CMU protective boxes, flush hydrant, fencing, restoration of existing asphalt concrete road; and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

*CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.*

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **November 2, 2018 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Rota Directors Office, Sinapalo, Rota.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-18-022, Rota Water System Improvements Phase 2 Project"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 15, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A *Bid Guarantee* of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States, Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A *Payment Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 6 , 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to LCDR Travis Spaeth, CUC Water/Wastewater Senior Engineer – via email travis.spaeth@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
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INVITATION TO BID
ITB19-GOV-006

SUPPLY, DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION OF GLASS PULVERIZER for the TINIAN TRANSFER STATION

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed bids for the Supply, Delivery and Installation of Glass Pulverizer for the Tinian Transfer Station, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on October 24, 2018 at the Office of Management & Budget, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. A $25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. **All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.**

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001 and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a pre-bid conference for this project on **Wednesday, October 30, 2018, 10:00 am ChST** at the CIP Office in Capitol Hill, Saipan. Questions concerning this project shall be directed to Ms. Nerissa Benavente in writing by e-mail: nerissa.cip@gmail.com, on or before **Wednesday, November 14, 2018** to the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or fax (670) 664-2408. All responses to inquiries will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked ***ITB19-GOV-006 Supply, Delivery and Installation of Glass Pulverizer for the Tinian Transfer Station.*** For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST November 21, 2018.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST November 21, 2018** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@cnmidof.net. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 21, 2018** and the bid documents must be received no later than November 28, 2018. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan at ***10:00 a.m. ChST November 29, 2018.*** However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open at ***10:00 a.m. ChST November 21, 2018.***

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:
a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only:
1) Cash
2) US Government Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 180 calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

Herman S. Sablan, Director
CNMI Procurement & Supply

'The animal shelter was constantly on my mind'

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CORRESPONDENT

Super Typhoon Yutu's ferocious winds, clocked at 180 miles and per hour and with gusts that topped 200 mph, did catastrophic damage not just to people's homes and properties but also to animal shelters.

At the height of the storm, with the constant shriek of the winds and ear-splitting roar of properties being damaged, the fate of the animal shelter was at the forefront of the mind of Spencer Camacho-Merchadesch, the Saipan Mayor's Office Dog Control Program manager.

"The situation of animals during a typhoon is so dire that it makes them extra vulnerable," he said.

The animal shelter had a total of 139 animals composed of adult dogs, cats, and puppies.

"The morning after the storm, I prepared myself to go to the shelter, cleared debris and assessed my home real quick, waited for the winds to calm down and went straight to the shelter and I was just speechless with what I saw," he said.

Driving toward the south side of Saipan where the animal shelter is located made clear in his mind the extent of the damage.

"I saw the damage in the neighborhood around me and thought I have to get to the shelter. The kind of damage that the shelter might have incurred was unfolding around me as I saw houses and building without roofs," he said.

When he finally made it to the shelter, it was in total destruction. "The perimeter fence was gone, trees were uprooted, the roofs on the kennels were gone and there were so many dogs outside."

Camacho-Marchadesch and his team went to work right away. "Since there were many dogs out of the kennel and loitering around the compound, our goal was to make sure there was food and water available for them… We temporarily repaired the perimeter fence last Sunday and we were able to lure the dogs back into the kennel... There are still dogs roaming within the compound but we will get them back to safety," he said.

"We are taking it day by day. The first day was overwhelming for me and to my staff but the second day we…are doing good as the morale is good," he added.

The animals at the Saipan Mayor's Office Dog Control Program are ready for adoption and the program is also accepting food and water donations and encourage volunteers to help rebuild the animal shelter. You can call Camacho-Marchadesch at (670) 783-4743.

Over at the Saipan Cares for Animals clinic in Koblerville, SCFA president Beth Pliscou said a total of 35 dogs that includes 12 puppies were in their care during Yutu.

She said no animals were harmed inside their shelter, but the destruction around the clinic was problematic.

"Our perimeter fence went down and it was something that needed to be put up right away because our neighbors are not tolerant of dogs stepping out of our property. The outdoor shelter of the cats, which we call the 'catio,' was also destroyed so we called volunteers on our Facebook page to help us and many came," she said.

"Everyone here at the clinic is good because this house is strong. It has survived Soudelor and now Yutu… Currently, the fence is up so what we need now are the staples—food, paper towels, bleach, water so we can try to keep the animals and the clinic clean,' she added.

In anticipation of the storm, Pliscou brought 14 dogs and a number of kittens home. Sadly, her home took a beating from Yutu. "We lost our roof and windows… I managed to put the dogs in the yard…but now there are fallen trees and sheet metal that are kind of wrapping around the fence," she said.

"[We] had to fix the gate so they can get out… I can get water and food for those 14 dogs and the cats in the house go out the broken windows but I can feed them inside… We had cats fostered out and they are under good care with the families that sheltered them," she added.

At the height of the storm, Pliscou was thinking of the animals and people. "I couldn't imagine anyone getting through losing roofs like that. Where could you go? I was really concerned about people. Animals are really good at hiding and I knew that the animals in the clinic were going to be alright because the house is strong but one can't help but be concerned for other people," Pliscou said.

"After the typhoon, we have been taking care of the dogs in the clinic but there has been emergencies so I just tell people to come in the evening and I help them out of my car—my little ambulance—where I can help their dogs with different problems right on the spot," she added.

Saipan Cares for Animals is a non-profit organization making donations and volunteer work welcome. Please call Pliscou at (670) 285-5448 or email epliscou@att.net .

JOB VACANCY ANNOUCEMENT

THE POSITION: ACCOUNTANT

Job Description: Prepare, examine, or analyze accounting records, financial statements or other financial reports to assess accuracy, completeness, and conformance to reporting and procedural standard; Report to management regarding the finances of establishment; Responsible for daily accounting, reporting, finance and tax; Compute taxes owed and prepare tax returns, ensuring compliance with payment; Prepare, examine or analyze accounting records; Maintain company's ledger; Reconcile various accounts and ensure accurate recording transactions; Prepare payment vouchers and other related business disbursement activities; Follow up customer's payments; Do account a/c receivables aging report and coordinate with customers in the expeditious settlement of their account; Send statement of accounts to customers & resolve any outstanding account; Prepare monthly reports; Monitor daily sales report; Verify cash sales; Process goods received from all incoming shipments; Prepare Invoices, purchase order, quotation; Compute and prepare payroll; Perform human resources and administrative coordination; Assist walk-in customers; and Do other related duties and responsibilities.

Minimum Qualifications: Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration; With at least 5-years of relevant work experience in Accounting; Self-motivated; Responsible; Able to manage deadlines; Must possess computer skills, including knowledge of MS Excel, Word, and Powerpoint.

Job Site: Msgr. Guerrero Rd. corner Kannat Tabla, San Vicente, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

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FBI warns of scams in wake of Yutu

The Honolulu Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation wants to remind the public there is a potential for disaster fraud and scams in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Yutu.

In the wake of natural disasters, many individuals feel moved to contribute to victim assistance programs and organizations across the globe. The FBI reminds the public to apply a critical eye and conduct due diligence before giving to anyone soliciting donations on behalf of disaster victims. Solicitations can originate as emails, websites, door-to-door collections, mailings, telephone calls and similar methods.

Before making a donation of any kind, consumers should adhere to certain guidelines, including the following:

1 Do not respond to any unsolicited (spam) incoming e-mails, including by clicking links contained within those messages, because they may contain computer viruses.

2 Be cautious of individuals representing themselves as victims or officials asking for donations via email or social networking sites.

3 Beware of organizations with copycat names similar to but not exactly the same as those of reputable charities.

4 Rather than following a purported link to a website, verify the existence and legitimacy of non-profit organizations by using internet-based resources.

5 Be cautious of emails that claim to show pictures of the disaster areas in attached files, because those files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders.

6 To ensure that contributions are received and used for intended purposes, make donations directly to known organizations rather than relying on others to make the donation on your behalf.

7 Do not be pressured into making contributions; reputable charities do not use coercive tactics.

8 Do not give your personal or financial information to anyone who solicits contributions. Providing such information may compromise your identity and make you vulnerable to identity theft.

9 Avoid cash donations if possible. Pay by debit or credit card or write a check directly to the charity. Do not make checks payable to individuals.

10 Legitimate charities do not normally solicit donations via money transfer services.

11 Most legitimate charities maintain websites ending in .org rather than .com.

"All of our hearts go out to the people in the CNMI at this time," said FBI Honolulu special agent-in-charge Sean L. Kaul, "It is important during times of crisis, we remain vigilant to the numerous types of scams that divert resources from genuine recovery efforts."

You can report suspicious email solicitations or fraudulent websites to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov. ***(FBI)***

Military training at golf course, Andersen south, W-517, W-12

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at the former Adm. Nimitz Golf Course in Barrigada and Andersen South in Yigo during the following dates and times:

- Oct. 30, from 8am to 11pm
- Oct. 31, from 8am to 11pm
- Nov. 1, from 4pm to 11pm
- Nov. 2, from 8am to 11pm

The military will also conduct training at Warning Area 517 and Warning Area 12 on Nov. 2, from 11am to 2pm

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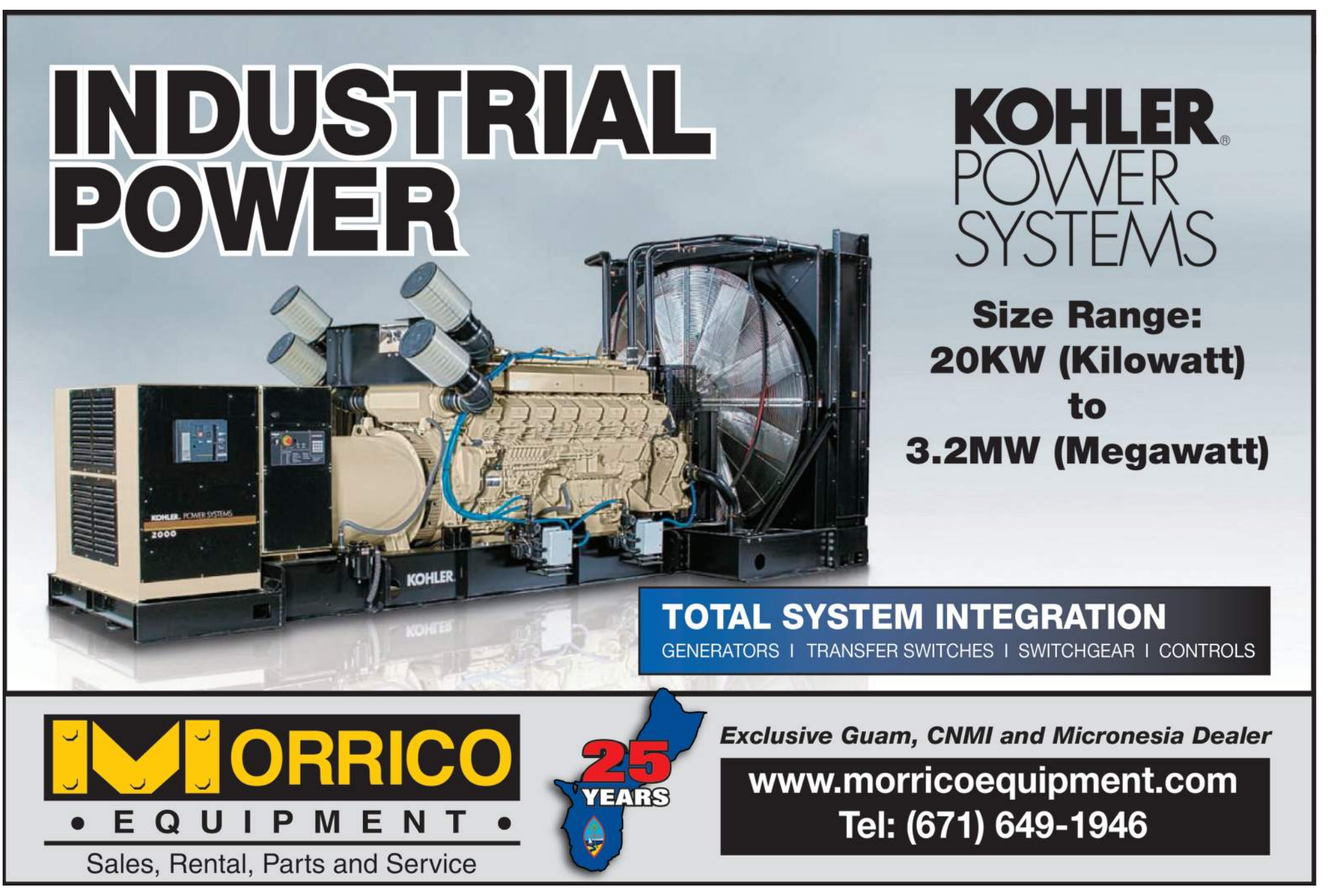

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A divided America is the real danger

Americans have good reason to be fearful and looking to their president for reassurance this week, and it has nothing to do with some Central Americans walking north.

The real danger is the destruction of our shared identity as Americans. Bombs mailed this week to former President Obama, Hillary Clinton and other public figures vilified by President Donald Trump make a blatantly partisan case of domestic terrorism, showing just how tattered our unified American identity has become.

Presidents must nurture our unity, the greatest source of our strength and resiliency. This requires more than inserting a few brief statements about harmony, as Trump did Wednesday, into an endless stream of divisive attacks, finger-pointing and dog whistling to fire up one's base. Not to mention his record of condoning violence and attacks on his opponents. Nobody wins with unrestrained vitriol, and this week it threatened the lives of many American leaders.

Further harm is caused by the White House's ongoing campaign to delegitimize the press. The press is not perfect, but it performs an essential role informing the public, holding government accountable and providing shared knowledge that's critical for a strong community and nation.

Trump's press attacks are a dangerous aspect of his narcissism: In trying to neuter critical reports of his performance, he's encouraging Americans to become ignorant and emboldening autocrats abroad to jail, torture and kill journalists.

This difficult chapter in our history is a triumph for our true enemies—the foreign nations with competing ideology, who have long sought to weaken America's strength at home and abroad by sowing division, distrust and chaos, weakening Western democracy.

We do need to make America great again. The presidency is supposed to model allegiance to a republic that's indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. We have seen the dignity of that highest office diminished.

The rest of us can do our part, and be role models for the tweeter in chief, by seeking common ground instead of ways to validate resentment and denigrate those with whom we disagree.

United we stand, divided we fall.

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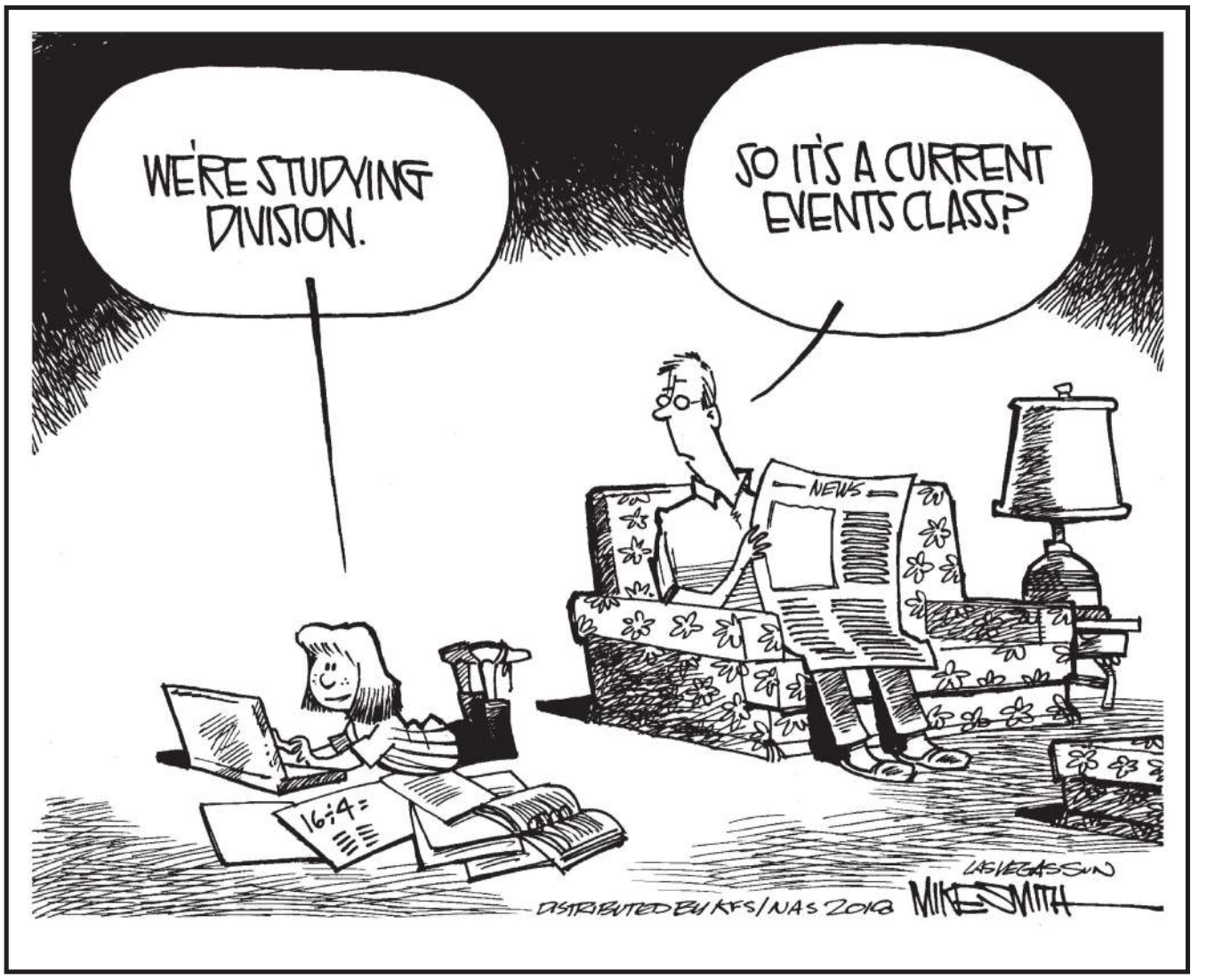

A panhandling epiphany

By RUTH GOLDSTEIN
THE BALTIMORE SUN

Last year I had a panhandling epiphany. Until then, I was one of those people who actively avoided panhandlers. Not only that, but I disparaged my friends who gave them money. Suckers!

Over years of studious practice I had honed my avoidance techniques. I escaped eye contact whenever possible. (Like a toddler, I had the magical belief that if I didn't see them, maybe they wouldn't see me.) I skirted people sprawled on the sidewalk and staked out by the doorways of busy stores and theaters. If I was at an intersection, I would actually switch lanes to reduce the chance of a personal encounter.

One step removed from the beggars were the folks selling bottled water and the squeegee kids who descend on your car at red lights. I didn't know how to deal with them either, but at least (in my mind), they weren't just asking for a handout.

I didn't think of myself as particularly ungenerous or mean spirited. In fact, every year at Christmas I conscientiously make out my checks to various charities, and (even though the amounts are meager) I see myself as a philanthropic person. Even though I felt vaguely uncomfortable with my choices, I didn't see any contradiction.

On the contrary, I worked up a righteous indignation to assuage my discomfort. I justified my hostility with the sanctimonious thought that they were using the money for drugs or drink, and why should I enable that? In the privacy of my own thoughts, I would say: These people are encroaching on my space. They're detracting from my good time. They're bringing me down!

I have always been a civic-minded, liberal do-gooder, so this animosity that I felt toward people asking for money, who happened to be on the street instead of sitting behind a computer in a comfortable office, left me feeling confused and conflicted. I knew on some level there was a cognitive dissonance, but if I thought too much about it I felt ashamed, and we humans try to avoid unpleasant feelings at any cost (or perhaps at a great cost).

So it was serendipitous when the chavurah I belong to decided to have a program about panhandling. For those who aren't familiar, a chavurah is a small Jewish fellowship group that assembles to share communal experiences, usually without the benefit of a rabbi or a permanent location. Our group meets twice a month at different members' homes, we eat (mandatory), and usually have a program or speaker.

That day changed my thinking permanently. One of our members gave an introduction about the Jewish perspective on charity. Then an experienced social worker talked about her homeless clients, almost all of whom suffer from mental illness, alcoholism or drug addiction. Virtually without exception, she said, these are the panhandlers we see on the street. (We didn't talk about the squeegee kids that day, and I think most of them probably fall into a fourth category: lack of opportunity—the state of being young, poor and black in Baltimore City.)

In the social worker's opinion, if someone is on the street asking for money, it's because they need it. It doesn't matter if it's for a cup of coffee or a fix—they need it, and they don't have any other way to get it, no judgment necessary. So if you have it, and you can spare it, you should give it.

It was as if a light bulb exploded in my head. Was it that simple? Is giving a dollar to a street person really any different than writing a check to organized philanthropy? Ultimately, I realized, it's just a matter of scale.

So now I always keep a few dollar bills in my glove compartment. I make eye contact when I see someone in need on the street. I try to exchange a few meaningful words or pleasantries. Some folks I know carry water, or candy bars, or even sandwiches, in lieu of money.

I almost always get an appreciative response that is way out of proportion to the dollar I give. Last weekend I passed the squeegee kids. I didn't want my windshield cleaned, so I waved off the kid on my side with a dollar in my hand and the admonition to stay safe (the Jewish mother in me is never far away). As the one on the passenger side walked down the narrow lane between the cars, he reached out his squeegee and traced a heart on my windshield.

That same weekend, an elderly guy with terribly swollen legs sat on the sidewalk with his belongings scattered around him, shoppers racing by left and right. As I dug in my purse for a dollar, searching for the right thing to say to this person I considered so unfortunate, all I could come up with was, "I hope you have a better day." He suddenly looked right at me with a gleam in his eye, waved at the blue sky overhead, and said, "What could be better than today? At least I'm on this side of the sidewalk!"

All people want to be seen. I've learned that it's much less about the dollar I give, and more about acknowledging our shared humanity. When I see the stranger, they also see me.

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What can one person do to save the planet?

By J. CAVANAUGH SIMPSON
THE BALTIMORE SUN

When I hear the latest bad news about climate change, I freeze up.

I don't deny the reality of climate change. The recently issued United Nations report predicts a global warming crisis as early as 2040—worsening food shortages, wildfires and rising seas. Yet after finding myself drenched in dread, I pursue a kind of denial that allows people to function despite impending doom: Go about daily life, albeit under a darkening cloud.

What difference can one individual make?

Yes, I drive less. Turn off lights. Recycle. That's important, but alone such efforts won't solve this problem. A resulting apathy, or paralysis, stems partly from a natural human reaction to problems so big we feel can do little. And maybe that's the trouble.

In "Living in Denial: Climate Change, Emotions, and Everyday Life," University of Oregon sociology professor Kari Marie Norgaard noted that people "stopped paying attention to global climate change when they realized that there is no easy solution." Humans also experience "loss aversion," a tendency to protect what we have (avoid sacrifices) rather than contemplate future losses or gains (face uncertainty). As Harvard University's Daniel Gilbert told New Scientist. "A psychologist could barely dream up a better scenario for paralysis."

It's tough to get our heads around an environmental Armageddon. Then we watch yet another hurricane wash away entire towns.

Fossil fuel advocates meanwhile downplay predictions, focusing on short-term profits or resisting carbon taxes, yet oil-and-gas companies are already hedging their bets, investing in alternative fuels or discussing curbs on carbon emissions. Let's keep the pressure on. We are, after all, bearing witness to change: a summer of record-breaking U.S. western wildfires; Hurricane Florence's catastrophic floods devastating the Carolinas, while across the globe mega-typhoons slam Asia; in this hemisphere, we see a rise in rapidly intensifying hurricanes like Hurricane Michael, which steamrolled a sleepy Florida Panhandle last week.

Society mourns, maintaining a cultural cognitive tradition. We now suffer from a form of "ecological grief." Scientists are on the front lines of loss, and organizations such as the Union of Concerned Scientists offer new "tool kits" and personal strategies for action.

If current national leaders won't regulate carbon emissions, individuals can do the following: Write letters to governors or elected representatives (a Maryland law aims to reduce greenhouse gases by 40 percent, compared to 100 percent in California); divest from fossil fuels; urge energy companies to break from "climate disinformation groups;" opt for solar or wind power to increase demand; donate to non-profits seeking climate change fixes; demand strong candidate platforms on climate change and vote. Plant trees, lots of trees. And urge CEOs of 100 companies apparently responsible for a whopping 71 percent of global emissions to shift financial resources to alternative fuels.

Doing something can tamp down anxiety and show we do indeed care.

For example, what if everyone concerned writes their governors to set stricter limits on carbon emissions statewide and encourage investment in climate-sustainable industries like solar to foster new jobs? What if Americans (at 325 million strong) commit to planting CO2-thirsty trees for everyone in their family or donating $10 to the Sierra Club or other nature-savvy groups?

To climate change deniers, I say: "Who cares about the debate?" Why take a chance on a polluted planet for your children and grandchildren? As the UN report noted, greenhouse gases are naturally produced yet have spiked amid forest loss and the Industrial Age, recorded data shows. Today's most abundant greenhouse gas, carbon dioxide, "is the product of burning fossil fuels." One way or another, humans are involved. Whether we feel powerless by grief or distrust, we can "break the paralysis," as UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres recently urged nations to help prevent "runaway climate change."

We are threatening our Earth, simply put. So why aren't more conservative Christians leading this charge? From a Biblical standpoint, humans are the planet's stewards. Consider the book of Job: "But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you."

I have to wonder if the grief-stricken Orca mother who carried her calf for a record 17 days of mourning wasn't trying to tell us something before time runs out for her species—and for ours.

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Can we blame hurricanes on climate change? Not so fast

By NICOLAS LORIS
THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Hurricanes Florence and Michael left more than just physical devastation in their wakes. They also touched off a lot of headlines claiming them as proof that human-induced climate change is happening now.

Then a conveniently timed United Nations report blew in, painting a grim future for our planet if we fail to act on climate change in the next 11 years. In fact, some proponents of climate action are calling for nothing less than the dismantling of the free enterprise system responsible for human flourishing across the globe.

So what's the full story? And what would be the costs of global energy overhaul?

It's true that many climatologists are projecting gloom and doom. But they're not all relying on the same forecast. Not even mainstream climatologists are in agreement on this one.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, "In the Atlantic, it is premature to conclude that human activities – and particularly greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming – have already had a detectable impact on hurricane activity."

If that sounds surprising, it's because few of us can see beyond the last storm. But in the United States and around the world, there has actually been a decreasing trend in hurricane activity. A 2018 paper in the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society shows a slight downward trend of landfalling hurricanes and major land-falling hurricanes in the continental U.S. over the past 117 years.

It's easy to forget that before Hurricane Harvey reached landfall in August 2017, the U.S. was in a stretch of nearly 12 years without a major hurricane reaching land. Hurricane Wilma hit Florida a full 4,323 days prior to Harvey. But hurricane-drought streaks don't quite grab headlines like Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak.

Globally, the scientific evidence is encouraging, too. The recently released Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, which was largely a re-packaging of existing science, says, "Numerous studies towards and beyond AR5 (5th Assessment Report) have reported a decreasing trend in the global number of tropical cyclones and/or the globally accumulated cyclonic energy."

The University of Colorado's Roger Pielke Jr., who specializes in analyzing extreme weather trends, emphasizes that "the IPCC once again reports that there is little basis for claiming that drought, floods, hurricanes (and) tornadoes have increased, much less increased due to (greenhouse gases)."

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Emergency workers Dr. Patricia Cantrell, left, and Ana Kaufmann, with the South Florida Search and Rescue Task Force 2, survey damage at the western edge of town at Mexico Beach Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018 after Hurricane Michael made landfall in the Florida Panhandle.

However, trends are only part of the story. Many climatologists argue that warming is "supercharging" recent hurricanes. The simple narrative is that warm water is the fuel for hurricanes and, consequently, human-induced warming is making things worse.

But it's slightly more complicated than that. Meteorologist Ryan Maue, who runs weathermodels.com, points out that Hurricane Florence's track was through "abnormally cool"waters. In noting that the Gulf waters for Michael were warmer than the last three decades he suggests, "more detailed climate analysis is needed to better understand what has happened over the past 12 years across the Gulf of Mexico."

Climatologist Judith Curry, meanwhile, parsed through just about every climate expert's assessment, both pre- and post-Florence, and concluded that "convincingly attributing any of this to human caused global warming is very challenging."

Far less challenging is assessing the cost of the IPCC's suggested policies. The report proposes a massive carbon tax of between $135 and $5,500 by 2030. Since 80 percent of Americans' energy needs are met by coal, oil and natural gas, a carbon tax of this magnitude would cause electricity rates and gas prices to skyrocket to astronomical levels.

But the economic pain wouldn't stop there. Families would end up paying more for food, health care, education, clothes—you name it. Such a massive energy tax would bankrupt families and businesses, and undoubtedly catapult the world into economic despair.

Importantly, these policies would only serve to make us poorer and less equipped to deal with climate and environmental challenges that exist today and in the future. Money diverted to higher energy bills could otherwise be spent on practical policies that help households and businesses adapt to a changing climate. Investing in more robust infrastructure can sensibly protect homes and storefronts against natural disasters, no matter the cause.

Before we run around screaming that the climate is crumbling, let's step back and get a full picture of the climate science. And let's not offer unserious and counterproductive policies that would treat the global energy economy the way a hurricane handles a beachfront hotel.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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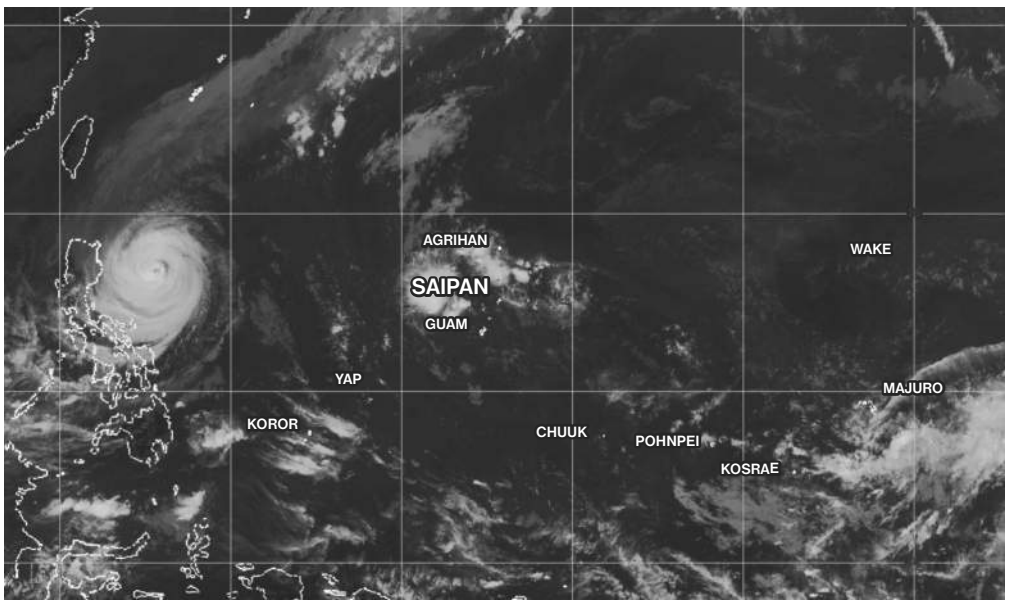

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite shows a trade-wind disturbance moving out of the Marianas waters. The weather balloon from last night shows east-northeast winds just off the surface which increase to between 15 and 25 knots through the lowest 14 thousand feet of the air. Above this, they turn southeast and increase speed to a maximum of 60 knots at a little over 50 thousand feet. The Ipan buoy shows a 4 foot trade-wind swell, and the wave models project a 4 to 6 foot west swell from Typhoon Yutu, which seems correct, unfortunately we have lost the west side buoys to the recent typhoons. However, we have heard that the buoy at Ritidian should be back in the near future.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA	▲ ▼ °F	
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°
Yap	Mostly Sunny	87° / 80°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	86° / 75°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	86° / 75°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	87° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE	▲ ▼ °F	
Auckland	Thunderstorms	57° / 52°
Beijing	Sunny	61° / 30°
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	82° / 70°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	86° / 77°
London	Partly Cloudy	50° / 43°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	78° / 59°
Manila	Thunderstorms	84° / 79°
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	79° / 50°
Miami	Sunny	81° / 73°
New York	Partly Cloudy	58° / 44°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	64° / 52°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	43° / 39°
Busan	Sunny	61° / 45°
Rome	Thunderstorms	64° / 55°
Salem	Sunny	74° / 48°
San Francisco	Windy	65° / 53°
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Tokyo	Sunny	70° / 52°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	58° / 43°

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12:47 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.85
6:22 PM	LOW TIDE	1.24
10:48 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.70

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:12 AM	5:48 PM
Wednesday	6:12 AM	5:48 PM
Thursday	6:12 AM	5:48 PM
Friday	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Saturday	6:13 AM	5:47 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	11:12 AM	10:52 PM
Wednesday	-	12:09 AM	11:53 PM
Thursday	-	1:03 PM	-
Friday	12:53 AM	1:54 PM	-
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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

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UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	7:00am	7:45am	Daily
UA104	11:30pm	12:16am+1	2, 4

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

TW9308	1:10am	4:10am	3, 4
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW9308	3:20am	6:30am	2
TW9308	3:25am	6:30am	5
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
7C3401	4:10pm	7:45pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	9:30am	3:10pm	Daily
TW9307	6:30pm	12:10am+1	2, 3
TW307	7:00pm	12:35am+1	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ625	8:40pm	2:10am+1	7
TW9307	9:00pm	2:20am+1	1
TW9307	9:05pm	2:25am+1	4
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:30am	1, 4, 5, 7

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)

JD396	7:30am	11:00am	1
JD396	4:50pm	7:55pm	4

HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN

JD395	8:05am	3:30pm	4
JD395	9:35pm	5:00am+1	7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:35am	2, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	8:20pm	2:50am+1	1, 5

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:00am	3, 5, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:55pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA117/183	8:45am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA117/183	8:45am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA117/193	8:45am	10:40pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	2:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA192/174	9:45pm	7:45am+1	2, 5 via GUM-ROR
UA184/174 via GUM	10:25pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
PR110/UA174	10:55pm	7:45am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/174	11:30pm	7:45am+1	2, 5 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UO43	5:30am	8:25am	1
UO43	6:00am	8:40am	3, 5, 7
UA117/159	8:45am	9:50pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
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HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
UO42	6:25pm	1:25am+1	7
UO42	9:25pm	4:30am+1	2, 4, 6
UA116/174	10:45pm	7:45am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The* Saipan Tribune *is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA

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1301	7:30AM	8:00AM	Daily
1302	11:30AM	12:00PM	Daily
1303	4:00PM	4:30PM	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

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1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
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1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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US sends aid to Pacific islands devastated by huge typhoon

By JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER and AUDREY McAVOY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The federal government sent supplies to a U.S. territory in the Pacific that was ravaged by a super typhoon as residents of the Northern Mariana Islands dug through crumbled houses, smashed cars and fallen utility poles two days after the deadly storm.

Military planes brought in food, water, tarps and other supplies, U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency spokesman David Gervino said. The agency is focused on helping restore power, opening sea and air ports, and ensuring cell towers can operate on emergency power until electricity returns, he said.

Super Typhoon Yutu packed maximum sustained winds of 180 mph (290 kph) as it passed over the islands of Tinian and Saipan early Thursday, the National Weather Service said. By Saturday, power was still out across Saipan, the largest island with 50,000 residents, and Tinian, with 3,000, local officials said.

The strongest storm to hit any part of the United States this year overturned cars, crushed small planes, ripped off roofs and killed a woman who took shelter in an abandoned building that collapsed. Others were injured, including three people who needed surgery.

Jan Reyes and her family lost everything.

"Everything my family and I have bought and added to our home over 13 years laid on the flooded floor as every window in our house shattered," the Saipan resident wrote in an email to The Associated Press.

The ceiling of a bedroom collapsed, destroying all the furniture. A cousin was trapped under debris for seven hours, Reyes said.

Her family rode out the storm in a hotel room, overturning a bed to create a barricade against the wind, rain and debris. When the worst passed, she said, it took half an hour to navigate fallen poles and trees for what would normally be a five-minute drive to their home.

"However, as islanders, we value family more than anything else in this world and we are more joyful and relieved that we are still complete and safe," she said, adding that those in the U.S. territory are "resilient people."

Michelle Francis hid in a closet while the storm destroyed her Saipan house, saying in a Facebook message that "many people lost their homes and their belongings. Now everyone is trying to stand strong, have faith."

People in the islands are used to riding out monster storms, but many said Yutu was the worst they have experienced.

"One of the things that's unique and great about the Northern Mariana Islands is because they do often have severe weather, the residents here are very resilient," said Gervino, the FEMA spokesman. "They listen to warnings from local officials, they take shelter when directed to do so, they stock up on supplies in advance of the storm."

He said he's convinced that's why there weren't large amounts of injuries.

The territory's only hospital, in Saipan, said it received 133 people in the emergency room Thursday, and three patients had severe injuries that needed surgery.

Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, the territory's delegate to Congress, said residents will need major help to recover.

FEMA has a significant amount of food and water stored on nearby Guam, which was preparing for Typhoon Mangkhut last month. The damage wasn't as bad as expected, so more than 220,000 liters of water and 260,000 meals are still available for the Northern Marianas, a half-hour plane ride away.

Military flights from Guam started bringing supplies Friday, Gervino said.

The agency is constantly communicating with local officials on transportation, communications, food and water, and energy and fuel, Gervino said. FEMA made changes after Hurricane Maria, a Category 5 storm that struck Puerto Rico last year, creating task forces to tackle those areas.

Hurricanes are spawned east of the international dateline, while typhoons develop west of it. Yutu was a Category 5 storm when it hit.

Commercial flights won't be operating for some time, said Nadine Deleon Guerrero, a spokeswoman for the territory's emergency management department. Terminals, the tarmac, runway and equipment were damaged.

More than 800 people were in shelters across the islands, and space was running out, officials said.

Many homes were destroyed because some poor families can't afford concrete homes that conform to building codes meant to withstand typhoon winds, said Edwin Propst, a member of the territory's House of Representatives. Some build houses with concrete foundations and walls but that have wooden and tin roofs.

Even some concrete houses were reduced to rubble on the smaller island of Tinian, which took a direct hit, resident Juanita Mendiola said.

"We had to hide inside the bathroom because the house felt like it was going to blow apart," she said. "It was literally shaking—a concrete house shaking."

Rebuilding efforts can't wait, Reyes said, though many people expect the recovery to be lengthy.

"The foundation of our culture is selflessness and family values and this is what has always helped us get through hard times," she wrote. "We will always remain hopeful and prepared for the worst. This is our way of life."

McAvoy and Kelleher reported from Honolulu. Associated Press journalist Caleb Jones contributed to this report.

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Announcement No. 18-001
POSITION TITLE: **Deputy Clerk I**
Department: Superior Court, Clerk of Court
Annual Salary Range: $20,485
Location: Saipan
Opening Date:10/15/2018 Closing Date: Until Filled

Announcement No. 18-002
POSITION TITLE: **Deputy Clerk I - Rota**
Department: Superior Court, Clerk of Court
Annual Salary Range: $20,485
Location: Rota
Opening Date:10/15/2018 Closing Date: Until Filled

Announcement No. 18-003
POSITION TITLE: **Deputy Marshal I**
Department: Marshal Services Division
Annual Salary: $20,000
Location: Saipan
Opening Date: 10/15/2018 Closing Date: Until Filled

Announcement No. 18-004
POSITION TITLE: **Deputy Marshal I - Rota**
Department: Marshal Services Division
Annual Salary: $20,000
Location: Rota
Opening Date: 10/15/2018 Closing Date: Until Filled

INTERESTED PERSONS may obtain application form at Window #3 at the front of the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices on Kotten Tinian and Centron Hustisia in Rota. Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW19-IFB-004
LALANGHA AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Lalangha Avenue Road Improvement**, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **October 19, 2018** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasury and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **November 7, 2018**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All question regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **November 15, 2018** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) Calendar days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW19-IFB-004"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time November 29, 2018**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, November 29, 2018,** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to **procurement@cnmidof.net.** For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 29, 2018** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **December 10, 2018**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, December 13, 2018**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on November 29, 2018**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

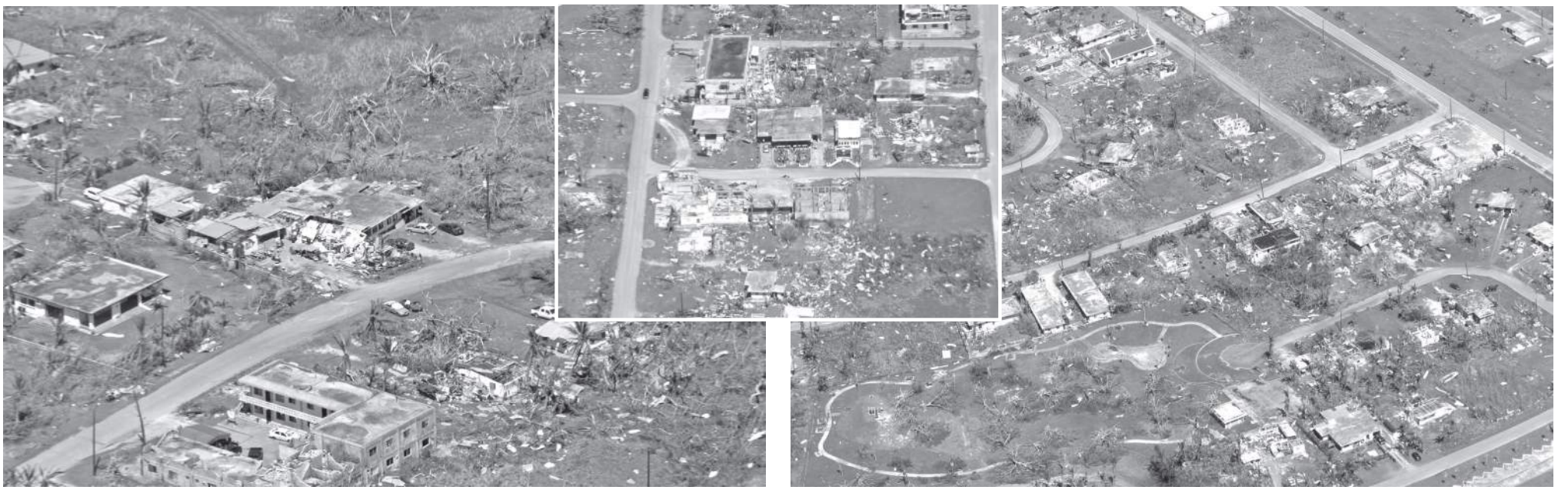
Super Typhoon Yutu

These aerial drone photos show the extent of the destruction on Saipan in the wake of Super Typhoon Yutu, which hit the CNMI late Oct. 24 and early Oct. 25, 2018. RAYMOND ZAPANTA

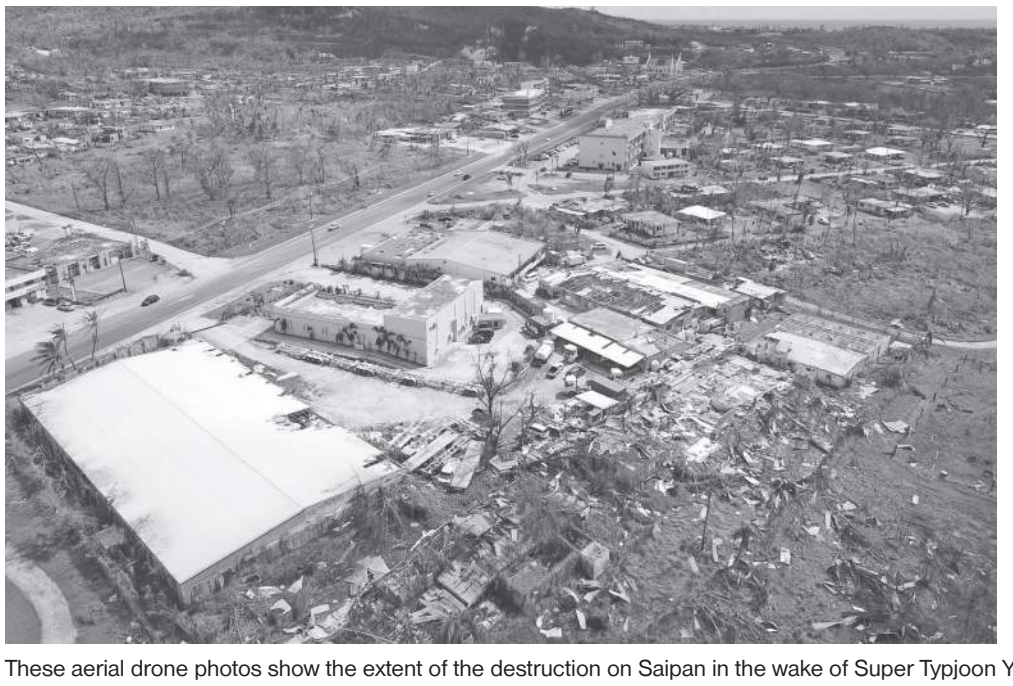
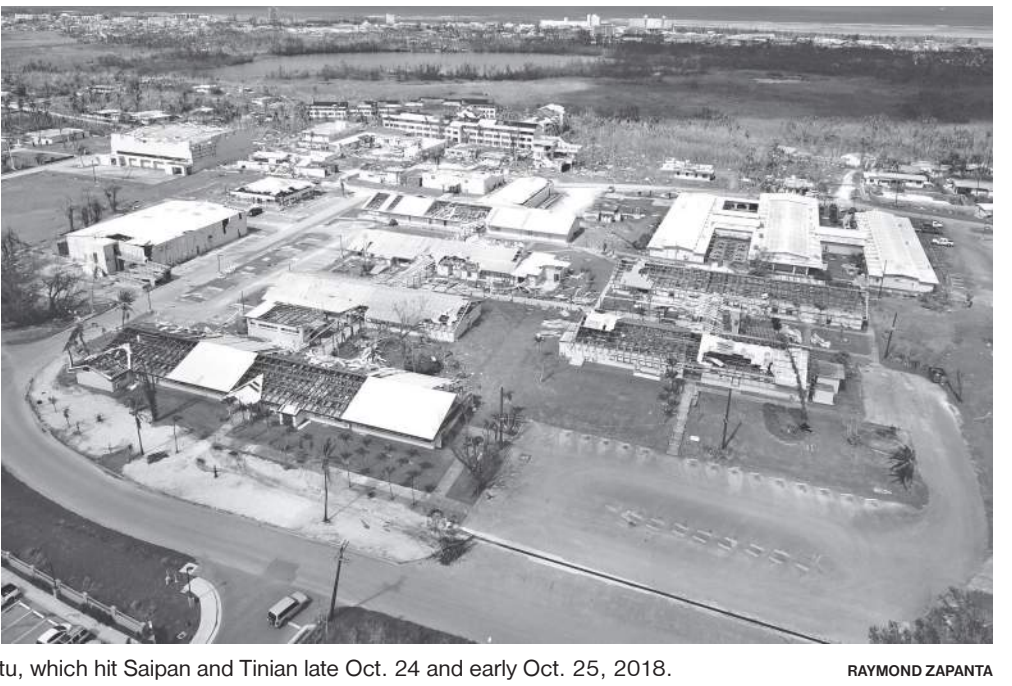
Hundreds line up to receive relief goods at the American Memorial Park on Monday. ALYSSA VELASCO

Volunteers at the American Memorial Park pose for the Saipan Tribune. KEVIN CALIBO

Relief goods are unloaded at the American Memorial Park for distribution on Monday. ALYSSA VELASCO



These U.S Navy photos taken on Oct. 28, 2018, show the extent of the destruction of Super Typhoon Yutu on Tinian. Combat Aircrew Two of Patrol Squadron 47 patrols the CNMI conducting humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. U.S. NAVY/MCS1 KEVIN A. FLINN

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 19-004

Opening Date: Thursday, October 11, 2018
Closing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2018

IT Analyst

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Chief of Administration or his/her designee, the duties and responsibilities are as follows: Maintain and administer computer networks and related computing environments including computer hardware, systems software, applications software, and all configurations. Perform data backups and disaster recovery operations. Diagnose, troubleshoot, and resolve hardware, software, or other network and system problems, and replace defective components when necessary. Plan, coordinate, and implement network security measures to protect data, software, and hardware. Configure, monitor, and maintain email applications or virus protection software. Operate master consoles to monitor the performance of computer systems and networks, and to coordinate computer network access and use. Load computer tapes and disks, and install software and printer paper or forms. Design, configure, and test computer hardware, networking software and operating system software. Monitor network performance to determine whether adjustments need to be made, and to determine where changes will need to be made in the future. Confer with network users about how to solve existing system problems. Research new technologies by attending seminars, reading trade articles, or taking classes, and implement or recommend the implementation of new technologies. Analyze equipment performance records to determine the need for repair or replacement. Implement and provide technical support for voice services and equipment, such as private branch exchange, voice mail system, and telecom system. Maintain an inventory of parts for emergency repairs. Recommend changes to improve systems and network configurations, and determine hardware or software requirements related to such changes. Gather data pertaining to customer needs, and use the information to identify, predict, interpret, and evaluate system and network requirements. Train people in computer system use. Coordinate with vendors and with company personnel to facilitate purchases. Perform routine network startup and shutdown procedures, and maintain control records. Maintain logs related to network functions, as well as maintenance and repair records. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Administration, IT Division, SAIPAN** Northern Mariana Islands, USA
SALARY : $40,084.00 - $53,000.00 per annum, Exempt
(Commensurate with Qualification and Experience)
CONTRACT : Two (2) years, subject to renewal
POSITION(S) : One (1)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology or directly related field and 4 years of related professional information technology experience; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above. **Knowledge of:** Applicable hardware, software, system and technology principles, methods and support techniques; Systems analysis and design methods, procedures and techniques; Business methods, principles and practices; Customer service principles; Database maintenance principles; Modern office technology.. Budgeting Principles; and Basic mathematics. **Skill in:** Providing analysis and design in support of information technology and business processes; Evaluating and maintaining existing systems and equipment; Developing and implementing technology solutions to meet business requirements; Analyzing system performance, troubleshooting issues and maintaining system functionality; Monitoring, configuring, installing, testing and maintaining assigned systems and equipment; Preparing and maintaining reports, system documentation, and procedures; Providing technical end-user support and training of software and systems; Prioritizing requests and managing time; Serving as technical liaison with internal staff and external service providers; Recommending the acquisition of software and equipment; Providing customer service; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.. Pre-employment drug testing required. Applicants may be tested.

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GUNG PRESENTATION TO ARC GUAM NATIONAL GUARD

Maj. Gen. Roderick R. Leon Guerrero, the Adjutant General of the Guam National Guard, presented a GUNG Minuteman-Warrior Statue to Chita Blaise for her continued leadership of the American Red Cross-Guam Chapter, as well as her outstanding service to airmen, soldiers and family members from the Guam National Guard and the people of Guam. Pictured are: standing from left to right: 1st Lt. David Brantley, GUNG TAG aide-de-camp; Sandra Ramiro, ARC; Chita Blaise, ARC executive director; Maj. Gen. Leon Guerrero; Mrs. Rachel Perez, GUNG TAG secretary; kneeling is Maj. Gerard Baleto and SFC Matthew Quitugua.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 19-008

Opening Date: Wednesday, October 17, 2018
Closing Date: Until Filled

Human Resources Manager (Re-announcement)

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Executive Director or his/her designee. Supervises staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures; maintaining a healthy and safe working environment; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Manages the functions of assigned unit/designated program, which includes planning, coordinating, administering, and evaluating programs, projects, processes, procedures, systems, standards, and/or services. Ensures compliance with organizational and Federal, Commonwealth, and local laws, regulations, codes, and/or standards. Serves as a liaison with internal departments, officials, agencies, partners, contractors and other external organizations, groups and representatives. Serves as a representative at a variety of meetings, public events, on committees, and/or other related events regarding services, programs, or projects. Researches, reviews, interprets, analyzes and prepares a variety of information, data, and reports; provides quality control and assurance of assigned function and services; recommends and implements policies and procedures to improve operational effectiveness and provide enhancements to services or programs. Manages assigned budget and provides input to the annual budget development process. Prepares cost estimates and budget recommendations. Monitors, administers and controls budget allocation and authorizes expenditures. Assists in planning, developing, recommending and implementing goals, objectives, policies, procedures and standards. Coordinates operational and program efforts in alignment with goals and objectives of assigned area of responsibility. Planning, overseeing and providing human resources operations, support and activities; Providing coaching and recommendations to management and staff regarding personnel needs and issues; Working with upper management and legal counsel regarding disciplinary actions; Providing guidance and support related to employment processes and programs. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **Administration, SAIPAN** Northern Mariana Islands, USA
SALARY : $56,439.00 to $74,470.00 per annum (Commensurate with Qualification and Experience, Exempt)
CONTRACT : Two (2) years, subject to renewal
POSITION(S) : One (1)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's Degree in a directly related field and 5 years of professional experience in the assigned field including 2 years of leadership experience. Experience in a utility company a plus. **Knowledge of:** Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Managerial principles, practices and techniques; Principles, practices, methods and techniques of assigned operational area or function; Budgeting principles; Contract administration principles; Customer service principles; Modern office equipment; Modern office technology. **Skill in:** Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Managing, monitoring, training and evaluating staff; Prioritizing, coordinating, allocating resources and assigning work; Planning, organizing and implementing programs and services; Establishing goals, objectives and standards; Recommending, developing and implementing policies and procedures; Providing technical review, expertise and oversight related to assigned area; Monitoring and implementing quality, compliance and/or safety procedures and processes; Preparing contract documents; Providing contract administration; Researching and analyzing information; Resolving problems and conflict; Developing budget and monitoring compliance; Preparing reports, presentations and other related materials; Delivering presentations and training; Overseeing customer service delivery; Serving as a liaison and technical representative of assigned area; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 19-003

Opening Date: Thursday, October 11, 2018
Closing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Engineer

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Chief Engineer or his/her designee. Position is assigned to both routine and simple water and sewer facilities and projects. Duties and responsibilities include: Perform field measurements for distance, elevation, flows, pressures and other elements related to water and sewer system designs, including configuration of water/sewer facilities, utilizing surveying equipment and GIS system; Design size and length of water mains, capacity (pumping rate and head) of booster stations, size, slope, and distance of sewer gravity mains and force mains, size, pumping capacity, and liquid level control of Lift stations; Design drawings to portray facilities to be constructed based on completed design and specification preparation for water systems and water sources, transmission and distribution pipelines and storage tank, including wastewater systems and facilities sewer lines, sewer pumping stations and treatment plants. Writes reports for engineering feasibility analysis, evaluations, such as water and wastewater flow, well production, water loss, electrical consumption, system hydraulics. Prepare scopes of work for a variety of A&E consultant services related to existing and proposed water and sewer systems; Analysis of water system operation performance by pressure zone; Operations support such as review of operating mode and system configuration, water leaks detection, repairs and recovery of water loss. Ensure proper installation and monitoring of pilot control system using supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA); Effects repairs to multiple emergency power generators for the wastewater lift stations; Responsible for overseeing the engineering aspect of the water and wastewater system operations modifications, maintenance and repairs; and Perform other related engineering duties as assigned.

LOCATION(S) : **Water & Wastewater Engineering Division, Saipan,** Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY : $40,084.00 to $55,000 per annum, Exempt
(Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience)
CONTRACT : Two (2) years, subject to renewal
POSITION(S) : One (1)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil or Environmental Engineering and four years of related engineering experience. Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering is also acceptable if candidate has four years of experience engineering water and/or wastewater systems. **Knowledge of:** Engineering principles and practices; mathematical, pumping and hydraulics, and wastewater conveyance and treatment concepts; project management principles; construction techniques; safe work practices; applicable Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations. **Skill in:** Interpreting and applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; reading, understanding, and preparing drawings for construction contracts; preparing a variety of technical reports and/or documentation; presenting technical information to management, public groups, and other related individuals; interpreting and preparing specifications; estimating construction costs; conducting studies. Able to use computers and related software applications; communicate, interact with co-workers, supervisor, contractors, representatives of other agencies and departments, and the general public to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction; use AutoCAD to prepare plans for utility projects and contracts is a plus. Registration as an Engineer-In-Training in the CNMI, Guam, or any State of the United States is preferred but not required. Applicants licensed as a Professional Engineer in the CNMI, Guam, or any State of the United States is encouraged to apply. Applicants may be subject to pre-employment testing.

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Business

Economist: North Korea eying Swiss, Singaporean-style success

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—North Korea is exploring a grand plan to become a regional transportation hub, inspired in part by the successes of Singapore and Switzerland, and would be open to joining world financial institutions such as the International Monetary Fund if current member states give up their "hostile" policies toward it, a senior government economist has told The Associated Press.

Ri Ki Song, a senior researcher with the Economic Institute of the North's Academy of Social Sciences, said that although sanctions aimed at getting his country to abandon its nuclear and missile programs have increased over the past year, the country's economy has maintained steady growth—with its GDP increasing from $24.998 billion in 2013 to $29.595 billion in 2016 and $30.704 billion in 2017.

Some outside experts dispute the North's statistics. An estimate released in July by South Korea's central bank, for example, had the North's GDP decreasing 3.5 percent in 2017, which would be its biggest contraction since the famine years of the late 1990s.

Ri, who spoke with The Associated Press in Pyongyang last week, said the growth reflected how sanctions have resulted in some parts of the economy becoming more efficient and self-reliant.

The North has developed a kind of fertilizer that uses domestically produced coal instead of imported oil products, and made improvements in the method of producing steel, he said. He did not mention the flowering of capitalist-style markets, which are still officially somewhat frowned upon but which many observers suspect is a major factor if the economy is indeed growing.

Ri expressed optimism about the current climate of detente on the Korean Peninsula and leader Kim Jong Un's summits this year with Chinese President Xi Jinping and President Donald Trump.

"We are seeing a lot of changes in the atmosphere surrounding our country," he said.

He said that if sanctions were lifted and the political climate was to improve enough, the North could emulate countries like Switzerland and Singapore, "which have few resources and little territory but have used their geographical location to their greatest advantage."

"We are situated in the center of East Asia, so our Korean Peninsula has a very advantageous geographical location," he said. "In the future we will try to make cooperation with our neighboring countries to develop the transport industry. If we use our railways from the South through Siberia, many countries would prefer our rails to shipping by the seas."

That idea has been kicking around for years, if not decades. The North already has railroad links with Russia, China and South Korea, and South Korean President Moon Jae-in has publicly supported a plan to re-start cross-border rail operations as soon as possible. Even so, previous attempts to set the transportation hub scheme in motion have repeatedly fallen apart due to political friction or shortfalls in either investment or sustained interest.

Before any of this could make much progress, Washington would have to ease up its "maximum pressure" of heavily sanctioning the North and punishing those who trade with it. While praising Kim's diplomatic initiatives, Trump has insisted that sanctions must stay in place until the North makes clear and concrete moves to denuclearize.

Joining international financial institutions would open the door to badly needed development funds and economic expertise. South Korea's President Moon indicated recently that Kim has expressed an interest in joining the IMF or World Bank. But doing so would likely require structural reforms and a level of transparency that the North may not want to provide.

When asked whether Pyongyang is ready to meet such requirements, Ri said only that the North currently makes its GDP statistics available and declined to comment further. He suggested instead that the ball is in the international institutions' court.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Trump faces complaints that new Iran sanctions are too weak

WASHINGTON (AP)—A battle is brewing between the Trump administration and some of the president's biggest supporters in Congress who are concerned that sanctions to be re-imposed on Iran early next month won't be tough enough. As President Donald Trump prepares to re-impose a second batch of Iran sanctions that had been eased under the 2015 nuclear deal, conservative lawmakers and outside advisers have become worried the administration may break a promise to exert "maximum pressure" on Iran. They are angered by suggestions that measures to be announced Nov. 5 won't include a provision cutting Iran off from a key component of the global financial system.

Treasury chief says UK faces new strategy in no-deal Brexit

LONDON (AP)—Britain's Treasury chief says the country would need a new economic strategy if it leaves the European Union without a deal. Speaking the day before he delivers his budget in the House of Commons, Philip Hammond told Sky News the plan is based on the idea there will be a Brexit deal on Britain's divorce from EU. If there isn't one, he says Britain "would need to look at a different strategy and, frankly, we'd need to have a new budget that set out a different strategy for the future." Nonetheless, Hammond says he has built up a "reserve of borrowing power" to support the economy if necessary. He told the BBC that a no-deal departure would force the British economy "to restructure itself over a period of time, and that will be a fairly major transition."

Connecticut man faces 40 years in prison for fraud scheme

WESTPORT, Conn. (AP)—Authorities in Connecticut say a 72-year-old businessman has admitted to multiple offenses stemming from an investment fraud scheme. U.S. Attorney for Connecticut John Durham says Barton Stuck, of Westport, will be sentenced on Jan. 22 after pleading guilty Thursday to wire fraud and engaging in illegal monetary transactions. The Connecticut Post reports Stuck also admitted to two counts of lying to the Securities and Exchange Commission. He faces up to 40 years in prison. Authorities say Stuck misrepresented the finances of venture capital vehicles known as the "Signal Lake entities." Prosecutors say he misled investors in order to defraud them and enrich himself. Authorities are asking anyone who may have been victims of the Signal Lake investment scheme to contact them.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 19-009

Opening Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2018
Closing Date: Until Filled

Chief Financial Officer

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") is seeking for a qualified Chief Financial Officer ("CFO"). CUC is a public utility corporation located on the island of Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI")—a United States territory in the northwestern Pacific Ocean.

The CNMI is a tropical paradise of fourteen islands. In the CNMI you can escape to a place of magnificent beaches and crystal clear aqua waters, and rich history. Saipan offers year-round outdoor activities, world class diving and golfing, international shopping, a range of ethnic restaurants and a cacophony of indigenous and international cultures.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITY OFFERED:

Reporting directly to CUC's Executive Director ("ED") or designee, the Chief Financial Officer ("CFO") works directly with the Deputy Executive Director ("DED"). The CFO fills a position required by the Stipulated Order ("SO") of the United States of America vs. the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, Civil Case No. CV 08-0051. The Corporation is seeking a dynamic, experienced professional with strong collaborative leadership skills and demonstrated expertise in all areas of municipal and utility finance.

- Responsible for the overall accounting, budgeting, and financial operations of CUC.
- Supervises financial professionals and support staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staffs are trained; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations.
- Maintains the financial and budget records and accounts for monthly and annual reporting of CUC.
- Performs financial, budget and rate analyses of operations and revenues; makes recommendations for adjustments to rates.
- Develops, implements and enforces financial and budget policies and procedures.
- Directing preparation, analysis, implementation, and monitoring of the utilities' financial reporting and budget process.
- Prepares complex financial and budget reports and special reports as requested by the Board and ED supervising and interpreting study results, including cost of service studies.
- Schedules and coordinates annual audits with independent contractors.
- Prepares monthly and an annual financial report of the financial condition of CUC.
- Plans, implements and monitors short and long-term goals for the department and CUC.
- Debt management, issuance and administration.
- Other duties of a similar nature or level as assigned or required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:
Successful candidates for CUC's Chief Financial Officer must have the following:

- Education:
  - Bachelor's degree in accounting, economics, financial management, public or business administration from a United States accredited institution or one with equivalent accreditation.
- Experience:
  - Ten (10) years of professional experience in governmental or financial accounting, including experience in a supervisory and/or management position.
- Certification and Licensing:
  - A Certified Public Accountant or Certified Management Accountant is required.
  - Ability to obtain and maintain a CNMI driver's license of the appropriate class upon hire is required.
- Must demonstrate the following:
  - Thorough knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, as well as Financial Accounting Standards Board and Government Accounting Standards Board pronouncements and interpretations, auditing principles, and utility rate structures and rate setting principles and methods;
  - Working knowledge of automated financial systems and programs to manage all aspects of reporting, personnel management and training;
  - General knowledge of utility operations, debt collection practices, and limitations.
- Knowledge of:
  - Supervisory principles;
  - Managerial and leadership principles;
  - Generally Accepted Accounting Principles or other applicable laws, rules and regulations;
  - Budgetary principles;
  - Financial principles;
  - Mathematical principles.
- Skill in:
  - Monitoring and evaluating staff;
  - Prioritizing and assigning work to staff;
  - Applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations;
  - Applying accounting procedures and principles;
  - Developing and implementing procedures and standards;
  - Analyzing accounting transactions;
  - Preparing and analyzing financial statements, budgets and reports;
  - Establishing internal control and compliance systems and information systems;
  - Conducting cost-benefit analysis;
  - Preparing annual reports;
  - Estimating costs for projects;
  - Analyzing and setting rates;
  - Using computers and related software applications;
  - Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

LOCATION: **Saipan**, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.

SALARY INFORMATION: $100,000.00 per annum, Exempt
(Based on credentials and specialized experience and whether applicant has a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, U.S. commonwealth, and/or the District of Columbia)

POSITION: One (1).

CONTRACT: Two-year; subject to renewal.

RELOCATION EXPENSES: If hired from outside the CNMI, relocation expenses are negotiable; but they are not to exceed $5,000.00 for moving to Saipan and not to exceed $5,000.00 for moving away from Saipan. Receipts will be required for justification. Other conditions may be applicable.

SUBMISSION PROCESS: Please submit (1) a cover letter, (2) a resume, (3) a list of references, and (4) a CUC Employment Application by one of the following means:

1. United States Postal Service, First Class Mail or Priority Mail*:

   Human Resource Office
   Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
   P. O. Box 501220
   Saipan, MP 96950-1220 USA

   *If you choose to submit via USPS, please still also fax "or" email "or" drop off your package.

2. Fax: 670-235-5131

3. Email: employment.applications@cucgov.org

4. Drop Off: Drop off your package at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the CUC Tinian or Rota Administration Office.

POLICIES: The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is an equal opportunity provider and employer and will not discriminate or tolerate discrimination against any employee or applicant in any manner prohibited by law.

It is also the policy of CUC to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment.

**********Nothing else follows**********

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Nation

Americans crave unity amid violence, anger

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)— She flipped through television channels and radio stations, scanning from conservative to liberal media, searching for any sign that the polarized nation had finally reached its tipping point.

For days, Elisa Karem Parker had been seeing updates in the news: A pipe bomb sent to liberal political donor George Soros. One delivered to CNN. More to former President Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and other prominent political figures villainized by those on the right — a bizarre plot unfolding just ahead of the midterm election that will decide which party controls Congress.

"It's like our country is becoming 'The Hunger Games,'" Parker, who considers herself squarely in the middle of the political divide, told her husband and teenage son over dinner.

As authorities intercepted more than a dozen pipe bombs addressed to President Donald Trump's most ardent critics — and then, on Saturday, as news broke of yet another mass shooting in America — political scientists and ordinary citizens observed again that rabid partisanship had devolved to the point of acts of violent extremism. Many wonder whether this latest spasm might be the moment that the nation collectively considers how poisonous the political culture has become and decides to turn the other way.

"If this isn't it, I'd hate to think about what it will take," said Parker as she cast her ballot in early voting last week in Louisville, Kentucky.

The mail-bomb plot is merely the latest in a series of stunning attacks to test how much political animosity Americans are willing to accept: the shooting of a Republican congressman at a baseball practice , the white supremacist rally that turned deadly in Virginia, the recent ricin scare-letters mailed to Trump and other top members of his administration.

On Friday, authorities arrested a suspect in the bomb probe — a 56-year-old registered Republican and Trump enthusiast who "appears to be a partisan," Attorney General Jeff Sessions said when asked about motive. By then, politicians and talking heads had already backed into the usual corners. Both parties blamed the other, and the president called for unity, then again described liberals and the media as villains. The hope Parker had that this might be a turning point faded.

Then came the shooting at a Pittsburgh synagogue that claimed 11 lives, an attack likely to cause ugly partisan debates over gun control, hate speech and more.

"I just can't believe the kind of violence that we're experiencing in our country," Pittsburgh resident Cindy Jennings said at a vigil for those targeted at the Tree of Life Synagogue. "I feel like the leadership in our country right now is just encouraging violence, and I wish that that would stop."

The volatile tribalism now so ingrained in American life will eventually right itself, says Robb Willer, a sociology professor at Stanford University, but not until the public decides it's had enough and stops rewarding politicians who use incendiary language and demonize the other side. It's impossible to guess, he notes, how much damage will be done in the meantime.

"That is the question of our time: Are we going to choose to continue the war, or are we going to choose peace? And we don't know yet what the answer to that will be, because while a majority of Americans are fed up with the extremity of our political divisions, it does feel like we're stuck here," Willer says. "It will get worse before it gets better."

Wait times for citizenship applications stretch to 2 years

LOS ANGELES (AP)— More than 700,000 immigrants are waiting on applications to become U.S. citizens, a process that once typically took about six months but has stretched to more than two years in some places under the administration of President Donald Trump.

The long wait times have prompted some immigrant advocates to ask whether the delays are aimed at keeping anti-Trump voters from casting ballots in elections.

"People are motivated to participate, and they're being frustrated from being able to participate in the elections they're excited about," said Manuel Pastor, director of the University of Southern California's Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration.

The number of immigrants aspiring to become U.S. citizens surged during 2016, jumping 27 percent from a year earlier as Trump made cracking down on immigration a central theme of his presidential campaign. At first, the federal government kept up with the applications, but then the wait grew.

Backlogs are nothing new in the U.S. immigration system. It often takes years to receive asylum or to be deported. But naturalization—the final step to become an American citizen, obtain a U.S. passport and receive voting rights—had not been subject to such delays in recent years.

Now the average wait time for officials to decide on applications is more than 10 months. It takes up to 22 months in Atlanta and as long as 26 months in parts of Texas, according to official estimates.

Trump tweeted on Thursday that Central American migrants headed north in a U.S.-bound caravan should return home and can apply for American citizenship if they wish. "Go back to your Country and if you want, apply for citizenship like millions of others are doing!" he posted as thousands continued their trek through Mexico.

But immigrants generally must be legal permanent residents of the United States to apply for citizenship and getting a green card can take years—if a person even qualifies for one.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said the longer waits to naturalize are because of the surge in applications, not slower processing. The agency decided 850,000 cases in 2017, up 8 percent from a year before.

Despite "a record and unprecedented" spike in applications, the agency is operating more efficiently and effectively and "outperforming itself," spokesman Michael Bars said in a statement.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 18-075

Opening Date: Tuesday, October 30, 2018
Closing Date: Until Filled

CHIEF ENGINEER, P.E.
(Re-announcement)

Duties: The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is a government utility providing power and water utilities to the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota and wastewater utility to the island of Saipan. The incumbent of this position is under the overall supervision of the Deputy Executive Director (Water and Waste Water) or his/her designee. The duties and responsibilities are as follows: Coordinates and meets with other divisional sections and corporate divisions to coordinate activities and projects. Supervises engineering support staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work, conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staffs are trained; and, making, hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Performs project management activities to include preparing reports, memorandums and recommendations; developing scope of work, providing technical reviews; surveying for projects, evaluating proposals, monitoring project process, approving payment, and, recommending award of projects. Prepares engineering designs, plans and specifications, collects date and performs research. Troubleshoots systems and equipment. Reviews work performed by engineers. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level as required by CUC and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). CUC is under a Stipulated order of the United States of America vs. the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Civil Case 08-0051 filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands.

LOCATION(S) : **Water & Wastewater, Engineering Division, SAIPAN, Northern Mariana Islands USA.** (Saipan has a population of about 50K. It is adjacent to Asia and about a 3-hour flight south of Tokyo. It is about 100 miles north of the US Territory of Guam)
SALARY : Starting: $100,000.00 Per Annum (Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience, Exempt). If hired from outside the Northern Mariana Islands, terms and conditions of the relocation cost will be negotiated. However, the accommodations shall not exceed $5,000 for moving to the islands and shall not exceed $5,000 for moving away from the islands.
CONTRACT : Two (2) years, subject to renewal
POSITION(S) : One (1)

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Master's Degree in Civil, Mechanical, or Electrical engineering. Registration as a Professional Engineer pursuant to the National Council of Engineering Examiners standards in either the civil, mechanical or electrical branch; Experience of ten (10) or more years as a professional engineer. **Demonstrate the following:** Proven management and communication skills; Demonstrated ability to lead, motivate, and develop staff; Competency and proficiency in overseeing major drinking water and wastewater systems during the periods of planning,, design, construction, and operation of drinking water systems' production, treatment, and distribution, and in wastewater treatment, collection and conveyance systems. **Knowledge of:** Safe work practices; Applicable Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules and regulations; Project management principles; Mathematical concepts; Construction principles; Engineering principles and practices. **Skill in:** Monitoring and evaluating staff; Prioritizing and assigning work to staff; Managing multiple projects; Interpreting and applying Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules and regulations; Interpreting drawings; Preparing a variety of technical report and/or documentation; Presenting technical information to management, public groups, and other related individuals; Reading and interpreting scaled drawings; Preparing specifications, plans, and cost estimates; Conducting studies; Using computers and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Must have a U.S. driver's license. Applicants maybe tested. Subject to a pre-employment drug screening.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 19-005

Opening Date: Thursday, October 11, 2018
Closing Date: Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Fiscal Analyst

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Manager: Financial Accounts Management or his/her designee. May lead or supervise staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; ensuring that employees follow policies and procedures; maintaining a healthy and safe working environment; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Reviews, accounts for, and prepares various financial data such as: reconciling journal entries; accounts receivable aging; summary billing; accounting accruals; recording fixed asset costs or depreciation; calculating and posting payments, adjustments or allotments; and/or accounts payable invoice payments. May provide guidance, coordination and/or supervision of daily accounting activities. Monitors, reconciles and maintains general ledger accounts; prepares and posts journal entries during account closing periods. Performs analysis, verifies fiscal data, and prepares various management reports; provides inventory monitoring and status reports; reviews purchase order status, vendor statements, and performs quality checks for verification of services or materials received. Provides analytical support to internal and external customers and stakeholders; reviews documents and provides guidance in completion of forms; responds to inquiries or issues; researches and provides information on processes and procedures. Assists with annual audits by preparing schedules, reports and providing technical support. May provide supervision or coordination of physical inventory processes; reconciliation of inventory balances in preparation for financial reporting; and/or monitoring vehicle maintenance schedules and approving vehicle repairs and maintenance. Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

LOCATION : **CUC Billing and Collection Section, SAIPAN** Northern Mariana Islands, USA
SALARY : $37,756.00 to $44,200.00 per annum, Exempt (Commensurate with Qualifications and Experience)
CONTRACT : Two (2) years, subject to renewal
POSITION(S) : One (1)

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or directly related field and 2 years of fiscal experience related to area of assignment. **Knowledge of:** Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Supervisory principles, practices and techniques (based on assignment); Generally accepted accounting principles; Financial analysis principles and techniques; Advanced mathematical concepts; Research methods; Customer service principles; Modern office technology. **Skill in:** Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Supervising, monitoring, training and evaluating staff (based on assignment); Providing guidance and leading work activities (based on assignment); Prioritizing activities and meeting deadlines; Preparing financial information, adjustments and entries related to general ledger; Researching, compiling, calculating and reconciling data and information; Researching technical issues, solving problems and providing solutions; Monitoring and maintaining fiscal account information and reporting; Reconciling data, preparing adjustments and posting account and journal entries; Providing attention to accuracy and detail; Preparing reports, correspondence and related fiscal documentation; Providing customer service; Providing technical guidance related to financial systems; Maintaining databases and financial records; Assisting with audits, inventory processes and/or equipment maintenance schedules; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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Asia

Lion Air flight with 189 on board crashes

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—A Lion Air plane with 189 people on board crashed into the sea just minutes after taking off from Indonesia's capital on Monday in a blow to the country's aviation safety record after the lifting of bans on its airlines by the European Union and U.S.

Indonesia's disaster agency posted photos online of a crushed smartphone, books, bags and parts of the aircraft fuselage that had been collected by search and rescue vessels that have converged on the area.

Lion Air said the brand-new aircraft, on a 1-hour-and-10-minute flight to Pangkal Pinang on an island chain off Sumatra, was carrying 181 passengers, including one child and two babies, and eight crew members.

Indonesian TV broadcast pictures of a fuel slick and debris field. Distraught friends and relatives prayed and hugged each other as they waited at Pangkal Pinang's airport.

The National Search and Rescue Agency's deputy chief, Nugroho Budi Wiryanto, said some 300 people including soldiers, police and local fishermen are involved in the search and that so far it has recovered no bodies — only ID cards, personal belongings and aircraft debris.

At the agency's headquarters in Jakarta, family members turned up, hoping desperately for news.

Feni, who uses a single name, said her soon to be married sister was on the flight, planning to meet relatives in Pangkal Pinang.

"We are here to find any information about my younger sister, her fiance, her in-law to be and a friend of them," said Feni.

"We don't have any information," she said, as her father wiped tears from reddened eyes. "No one provided us with any information that we need. "We're confused. We hope that our family is still alive," she said.

Indonesia's Finance Minister Sri Mulyani also arrived at the agency and met with its chief, seeking information about 20 finance ministry staff who were on the flight after attending a ministry event in Jakarta.

The search and rescue agency said the flight ended in waters off West Java that are 30 to 35 meters (98 to 115 feet) deep.

The agency's chief Muhammad Syaugi told a news conference that divers are trying to locate the wreckage.

The Boeing 737 Max 8 was delivered to Lion Air in mid-August and put in use within days, according to aviation website Flightradar24. Malindo Air, a Malaysian subsidiary of Jakarta-based Lion Air, was the first airline to being using the 737 Max 8 last year. The Max 8 replaced the similar 800 in the Chicago-based planemaker's product line.

Boeing spokesman Paul Lewis says Boeing is "closely monitoring the situation" but did not provide details on the aircraft in question.

The pilot of Flight 610 had more than 6,000 flying hours while the co-pilot had more than 5,000 hours.

Indonesia's Transport Ministry said the plane took off from Jakarta about 6.20 a.m. and crashed just 13 minutes later. Data from FlightAware showed it had reached an altitude of only 5,200 feet (1,580 meters).

The transport ministry said crisis centers have been set up Pangkal Pinang's airport and Jakarta's Soekarno Hatta airport.

The crash is the worst airline disaster in Indonesia since an AirAsia flight from Surabaya to Singapore plunged into the sea in December 2014, killing all 162 on board.

Indonesian airlines were barred in 2007 were flying to Europe because of safety concerns, though several were allowed to resume services in the following decade. The ban was completely lifted in June this year. The U.S. lifted a decadelong ban in 2016.

Lion Air, a discount carrier, is one of Indonesia's youngest and biggest airlines, flying to dozens of domestic and international destinations.

In 2013, one of its Boeing 737-800 jets missed the runway while landing on the resort island of Bali, crashing into the sea without causing any fatalities among the 108 people on board.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Duterte puts corruption-plagued agency in military control

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine president has put the corruption-plagued Bureau of Customs temporarily under military control amid a scandal after two huge shipments of illegal drugs reportedly slipped past through the port of Manila. President Rodrigo Duterte made the announcement late Sunday in an expletives-laden speech in southern Davao city before an audience that included visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi. At one point, Duterte made a rude gesture and uttered a profanity. Duterte cited "a state of lawlessless" that he declared following a deadly 2016 bombing to justify putting the military in control of the customs bureau. He said says the agency's officials will be put on a "floating status" and required to conduct their work in a gymnasium in the presidential palace complex.

US envoy confident about achieving N. Korea denuclearization

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The top U.S. envoy for North Korea has expressed confidence about achieving North Korea's nuclear disarmament. There are worries about the slow pace of nuclear diplomacy since U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's fourth trip to Pyongyang earlier this month. Stephen Biegun, the U.S. special representative for North Korea, was in Seoul on Monday to meet with South Korean officials. Biegun says he's "absolutely confident" that "the final, fully verified denuclearization of North Korea" is "within the reach." His South Korean counterpart Lee Do-hoon says "denuclearization process is at a critical juncture and we need to meet up as often as possible." North Korea has taken some measures like dismantling his nuclear testing sites, but the United States wants the North to take more significant steps toward denuclearization.

Japanese Princess Ayako marries commoner at shrine ceremony

TOKYO (AP)—A Japanese princess has married a commoner in a ceremony at Tokyo's Meiji Shrine. Princess Ayako is the 28-year-old daughter of the emperor's cousin, and the groom, 32-year-old Kei Moriya, works for major shipping company Nippon Yusen. The couple was shown on national news walking slowly before guests at the shrine Monday morning. She wore a Heian-era style hairdo and a traditional robe splashed with red and green patterns while Moriya wore coattails. Women who marry into the imperial family become members of the family, but those who marry commoners, like Ayako, must leave.

The eldest daughter of Emperor Akihito is set to marry a commoner in 2020. Akihito has said he will abdicate. His eldest son, Crown Prince Naruhito, will ascend to the Chrysanthemum Throne on May 1.

World

AS 2ND GROUP TRIES TO FORCE ENTRY INTO MEXICO

1 dies in migrant caravan

TAPANATEPEC, Mexico (AP)—Several thousand Central American migrants planned to resume their trek through southern Mexico before dawn Monday, while authorities in that country and Guatemala tried to sort out the killing of a migrant at a border crossing.

On Sunday, while the band of migrants was resting and reorganizing in Tepanatepec, several hundred in another group more broke through border barriers in the Guatemala town of Tecun Uman just as members of the caravan did more than a week earlier. Those migrants clashed with Mexican authorities determined not to let the caravan grow or be repeated.

The new group, whose members called themselves a second caravan, gathered on the international bridge leading from Tecun Uman to Mexico. Guatemalan firefighters confirmed that a 26-year-old Honduran was killed from a rubber bullet hitting his head.

At a news conference late Sunday, Mexican Interior Secretary Alfonso Navarrete Prida denied that his country's forces were responsible.

He said that Mexican federal police and immigration agents were attacked with rocks, glass bottles and fireworks when migrants broke through a gate on the Mexican side of the border, but that none of the officers were armed with firearms or anything that could fire rubber bullets. Navarrete said some of the attackers carried guns and firebombs.

"Mexico does not criminalize undocumented immigration," he said.

AP

Migrants struggle to maintain order as they wait in the men's line to receive donated food, in San Pedro Tapanatepec, Oaxaca state, Mexico, Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018.

Also on Sunday, about 300 Salvadorans departed from San Salvador hoping to make their way to the U.S. as a group.

Meanwhile, some of the migrants in the initial caravan, now estimated at 4,000 people, rested Sunday in the shade of tarps strung across the town plaza or picked up trash in Tapanatepec, population 7,500. Others soaked themselves in the nearby Novillero river.

Tensions from a long trek through searing heat with tenuous supplies of food and other goods spilled over Saturday night when a dispute in a food line devolved into a beating. Many in the caravan have been on the road for more than two weeks, since the group first formed in San Pedro Sula, Honduras.

Raul Medina Melendez, security chief for the tiny municipality in Oaxaca state, said the town was distributing sandwiches and water to migrants camped in the central square Saturday night when a man with a megaphone asked people to wait their turn.

Some hurled insults at the man with the megaphone, then they attacked him, Medina said. Police rescued the man as he was being beaten and took him to a hospital for treatment, though his condition was not immediately clear.

On Sunday, several in the caravan took to microphones to denounce the attack.

"Is that the way we're going to always behave?" a woman from Honduras asked.

Others complained of trekkers smoking marijuana or warned that images of litter and uneaten food made them appear disrespectful.

The group planned to set out early Monday for Niltepec, 54 kilometers (33 miles) to the northwest in Oaxaca state.

The caravan still must travel 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometers) to reach the nearest U.S. border crossing at McAllen, Texas. The trip could be twice as long if the migrants head for the Tijuana-San Diego frontier, as another caravan did earlier this year. Only about 200 in that smaller group made it to the border.

Brazil elects far-right congressman Bolsonaro to presidency

SAO PAULO (AP)—Jair Bolsonaro, a brash far-right congressman who has waxed nostalgic for Brazil's old military dictatorship, won the presidency of Latin America's largest nation Sunday as voters looked past warnings that he would erode democracy and embraced a chance for radical change after years of turmoil.

The former army captain, who cast himself as a political outsider despite a 27-year career in Congress, became the latest world leader to rise to power by mixing tough, often violent talk with hard-right positions. His victory reflected widespread anger at the political class after years of corruption, an economy that has struggled to recover after a punishing recession and a surge in violence.

"I feel in my heart that things will change," Sandra Coccato, a 68-year-old small business owner, said after she voted for Bolsonaro in Sao Paulo. "Lots of bad people are leaving, and lots of new, good people are entering. There's a light at the end of the tunnel."

In Rio de Janeiro, thousands of Bolsonaro supporters gathered on iconic Copacabana Beach, where fireworks went off. In Sao Paulo, Brazil's largest city, car horns could be heard honking and crowds celebrated as the results came in. There were also reports of clashes between his backers and opponents in Sao Paulo.

Speaking to supporters from his home in Rio, Bolsonaro recounted how he was stabbed while campaigning last month and almost died.

"I was never alone. I always felt the presence of God and the force of the Brazilian people," he said.

Bolsonaro, who ran on promises to clean up Brazil and bring back "traditional values," said he would respect the constitution and personal liberty.

"That is a promise, not of a party, not the vain word of a man. It's a promise to God," he said, standing next to his wife and many cheering supporters.

Life & Style

US tourist helps stop thief who tried to steal Magna Carta

LONDON (AP)—An American tourist from Louisiana helped stop a hammer-wielding thief who unsuccessfully tried to steal the Magna Carta at Salisbury Cathedral, working in tandem with a church employee to prevent the man from escaping.

Matthew Delcambre, of New Iberia, Louisiana, told The Associated Press that he and his wife Alexis were sightseeing in the southwestern English city when a man tried to shatter the glass encasing the precious manuscript in the church's Chapter House. After Alexis tried to raise the alarm to others, Delcambre and other bystanders banded together to try to hold the thief back behind the doors of the Chapter House.

When the thief pushed past them, the 56-year-old IT expert gave chase into an outer courtyard. He grabbed the man's arm near the courtyard gate and knocked away the hammer. A church employee tackled him and held him down.

"It wasn't me by myself," he said. "It was completely a group effort."

The Magna Carta, which was protected by two layers of thick glass, wasn't damaged.

Wiltshire police said Saturday that a 45-year-old man was freed on bail until Nov. 20 as officers continue their investigation.

Salisbury Cathedral's Magna Carta is one of four existing specimens of the 1215 charter that established the principle that the king is subject to the law. It is considered the founding document of English law and civil liberties and influenced the creation of the U.S. Constitution.

The document, Latin for "Great Charter" was short-lived. Despotic King John, who met disgruntled barons and agreed to a list of basic rights, almost immediately went back on his word and asked the pope to annul it, plunging England into civil war. It was re-issued after the king's death.

Hammer holes in the glass case that housed the Magna Carta, at Salisbury Cathedral after a 45-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of its attempted theft, in Salisbury, England, Friday Oct. 26, 2018.

AP

Harry and Meghan meet mental-health workers in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Prince Harry and wife Meghan spoke with people working in the mental-health field and encountered a flightless native bird as they continued their tour of New Zealand on Monday.

The Duke and Duchess of Sussex are on the last leg of a 16-day tour of the South Pacific. They began their second day in New Zealand by visiting the Maranui Cafe on the Wellington coast, where they spoke to people offering mental-health support through helplines, social media and other programs.

Prince Harry last year spoke out about his own struggles with mental health, telling the Daily Telegraph newspaper that he'd sought counselling after years of suppressing his emotions following the death of his mother Diana, the Princess of Wales, in a car crash when Harry was 12.

At the cafe, Harry talked about the need to remove the stigma from mental health and to encourage people to talk about how they feel.

"Everyone needs someone to turn to, right?" he said.

The couple then took a helicopter to the Abel Tasman National Park on the South Island where it was raining as they were welcomed by an indigenous Maori tribe. Harry told them the forecast had been for even worse weather.

"From my wife, myself and our little bump, it's a blessing to be here," Harry said, making reference to Meghan being four months pregnant.

The couple strolled along on a sandy beach and came across a weka bird, with a ranger saying that they're New Zealand's version of a monkey because they're very cheeky.

'Halloween' carves up another $32 million to top box office

NEW YORK (AP)—Michael Meyers—or is it Jamie Lee Curtis?—can't be stopped. "Halloween" dominated the North American box office for the second straight weekend, carving up an estimated $32 million in ticket sales.

The top four films were all unchanged at the North American box office, according to Sunday estimates, as Hollywood left "Halloween" to dominate the pre-trick-or-treating weekend. The sequel to John Carpenter's 1978 original, starring the 59-year-old Curtis as Laurie Strode, last week notched the biggest opening ever for a film with a female lead older than 55.

The Blumhouse Productions film, distributed by Universal Pictures, is already one of the highest grossing slasher films ever, with $126.7 million in ticket sales (plus another $45.6 million international) on just a $10 million budget. "Halloween," directed by David Gordon Green, slid a relatively modest 58 percent—especially good for a horror release—after setting a record for an October debut last weekend.

1. **"Halloween,"** *$32 million* ($25.6 million international).
2. **"A Star Is Born,"** *$14.1 million* ($17.6 million international).
3. **"Venom,"** *$10.8 million* ($17.3 million international).
4. **"Goosebumps 2,"** *$7.5 million* ($10.3 million international).
4. **"Hunter Killer,"** *$6.7 million* ($3.2 million international).
6. **"The Hate U Give,"** *$5.1 million* ($1.2 million international).
7. **"First Man,"** *$4.9 million* ($6.3 million international).
8. **"Smallfoot,"** *$4.8 million* ($17.3 million international).
9. **"Night School,"** *$3.3 million.*
10. **"Mid90s,"** *$3 million.*

Bradley Cooper's lauded "A Star Is Born" remained in second place with $14 million in its fourth weekend. The film, starring Cooper and Lady Gaga, has thus far grossed $148.7 million domestically, while proving an equally strong seller overseas for Warner Bros. It's made $104.6 million internationally.

Sony's superhero spinoff "Venom" also stuck in third with $10.8 million in its fourth weekend. The comic-book adaptation, starring Tom Hardy, has grossed $504.8 million worldwide.

That trio of "Halloween," "Venom" and "A Star Is Born" has driven the October box office to a new high. With a few days to go, monthly ticket sales have already surpassed the record of $757.1 million from 2014, according to comScore, with $789.9 million in sales in October—traditionally a fairly sleepy month in movie theaters.

Man says he wants divorce, but doesn't leave the house

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 20 years. We've had our share of ups and downs, but always managed to work our way through them. Last year, he decided he no longer wanted to be married, saying the last 20 years "were not all that pleasant" and "we have never really gotten along." (As far as I know, there isn't another woman.)

My problem is, for the most part, he still ACTS like he wants to be married. He has made no attempt to leave, tells me his comings and goings, asks me to have dinner together, etc. However, he sleeps on the couch and there's no sex. He says he does this because he hopes we can stay friends after the divorce.

I have yet to be served with divorce papers, so I'm thinking it may be a midlife crisis. Am I misreading his signals and he'll snap out of it, or am I being strung along?

ANONYMOUS IN THE USA

DEAR ANONYMOUS: You are confused because your husband is sending you mixed messages. Could he be having performance issues? Do you still love him? I ask because nowhere in your letter did you mention it. The two of you are overdue for an honest discussion about whether your marriage is salvageable. If it isn't, ask him when and if he plans to file for the divorce, because this situation has left you in limbo, which is unfair to you. Then consult an attorney to ensure you get a fair shake.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a young adult who suffers from migraines, which make it difficult to have much of a social life. My family and close friends know about them and are supportive and understanding. However, I'm a private person and don't like talking about it with new people.

It's hard to make friends and go on dates when I know I might have to flake out at the last minute due to a migraine. What's a good way to gracefully bow out of plans without seeming like a flake? Or should I just tell new people about my migraines?

HURTING IN NEW YORK

DEAR HURTING: Suffering from migraines is nothing to be ashamed of. More than 12 percent of people in the U.S. share your problem. While I don't think it's necessary to make an announcement about it when you meet someone, I do think you should tell the truth if you must cancel an engagement.

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DEAR ABBY: I am the youngest of four children. Every Sunday, our family gets together for Sunday dinner, a tradition I have loved since I was a kid, although lately, I have grown less fond of Sundays. Here is why: I am now 30 and the tallest sibling in my family, yet I am made to feel as though I am the smallest.

No one listens to me; no one asks my advice. I could be at the table with my finger up my nose and I don't think anyone would even notice. I say things and no one acknowledges me. Sometimes I feel as though I don't even exist. It's as if because I'm the youngest, I have no importance. What can I do to change this?

PATIENCE RUNNING THIN

DEAR PATIENCE: Allow me to suggest that at the next Sunday dinner you speak up loud and clear and say exactly that. And if nothing changes, make other plans for Sunday.

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Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
DAD TOLD ME TO GO OUTSIDE, SO I'M DIGGING A HOLE TO CHINA.
IF DAD'S GOING TO BE SUCH A GROUCH, I FIGURE I'LL JUST GO LIVE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PLANET.
YOU CAN COME TOO, IF YOU WANT. THERE'S ANOTHER SHOVEL IN THE GARAGE.
YOU DON'T THINK YOUR DAD WILL GET MAD ABOUT US DIGGING UP THE DRIVEWAY?
OH, YOU KNOW DAD. HE'LL GET MAD NO MATTER WHERE WE DIG.

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INSIDE SCREAMVILLE...
WOW. IT'S SO DARK.
OH, MAN. THIS IS GREAT.
AAAAAAAA
WHAT WAS THAT? SOME SORT OF MEDUSA-LIKE ZOMBIE/FLY CREATURE??
I ACTUALLY THINK IT WAS MRS. JOHNS, FROM SCHOOL.
CAN SOMEONE HELP ME? I'M FRIGHTENED AND MY FLASHLIGHT IS MALFUNCTIONING.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Carry
5 "— Blue?"
8 Hot tubs
12 Alike (Fr.)
13 Victory
14 British noble
15 Cancun residents
17 13, in old Rome
18 Architect I. M. —
19 Torched
20 Nasser's successor
21 Make lace
22 Dadaist Jean
23 Relinquished
26 Scholarship allowance
30 Mountain goat
31 "Tasty!"
32 Panache
33 Isaac's father
35 Island south of Sicily
36 Knock
37 Singer Tormé
38 Dangerous
41 Stolen
42 "— Kapital"
45 Author Ferber
46 Annoyance
48 Campus VIP
49 "Entourage" role
50 U2 lead singer
51 Long tale
52 Born abroad?
53 Fresh

DOWN
1 Office part-timer
2 Curved molding
3 Curbside yell
4 Peyton's brother
5 Anticipate
6 Gum flavor
7 Connections
8 Allure
9 Picked up the tab
10 "Carmen" solo
11 Thin cut
16 Dressed
20 — Lanka
21 Either of two Southern border cities
22 $ dispenser
23 Spy org.
24 Recede
25 German article
26 Bottom line
27 Right angle
28 Rebel Turner
29 Genetic stuff
31 Chatter
34 Horse chow
35 Transcending (Pref.)
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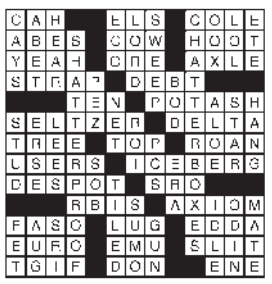

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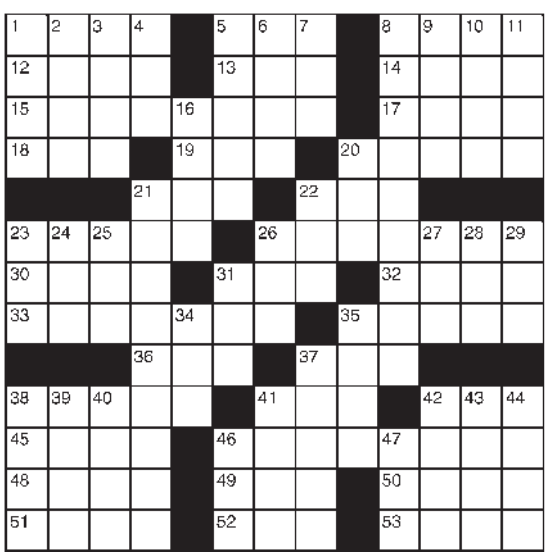

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Happy Birthday: Dreams can lead to reality. Set your sights high; make plans that will help you achieve your goals. Let your imagination lead the way and your ideas will flow. A creative direction will gain intensity as you experience what life has to offer. Have an open mind, and everything will fall into place. Make this a year to remember. Your numbers are 6, 14, 23, 28, 32, 37, 45.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Look for an investment that will grow over time. Making a move that will help bring greater stability to your life is encouraged. Personal or physical changes will help you feel more confident and secure. Being proactive will pay off. ✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Alter your life for the right reason. Don't let an emotional situation turn into a costly mistake. Partnerships are worth fighting for. Stubbornness will keep you from getting what you want. Put your grievances aside, and consider workable solutions. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Less talk and more action will help keep you out of trouble. Live up to your promises, and don't leave anything unfinished. Refuse to let the changes others make bother you. Get a grip emotionally, and plan to do your own thing. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Sharing can make a difference. An unexpected change may affect you emotionally, but it shouldn't be allowed to consume you. If you stay calm and look over your options, you will come up with a workable solution. Don't overreact. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Consider your choices, but when it comes to making a physical change, take a moment to evaluate your motives. If emotions are your driving force, reconsider making a move. Implement structure and detail before you proceed. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* It's payback time. Don't hesitate to ask someone you've helped in the past to pitch in or contribute to something that means a lot to you. So much can be accomplished if you are willing to accept help and input. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* Look and you will see through what someone is trying to do. Emotional meddling will leave you at a loss. Stand up for your rights, and refuse to let anyone bully you. Don't make excuses. Get your responsibilities out of the way. ✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Communication and short trips will be eye-opening. Let your mind wander and your intentions and plans for the future will become clear. A partnership looks promising. What you learn by collaborating with someone unique will motivate you to make a change. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Get your facts straight before you act. Secrets are meant to be kept. Divulging information that can be damaging to someone will make you look bad. Stick to the truth, and question anyone prone to exaggeration. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Pull out all the stops and head for the finish line. Change should be acknowledged and embraced. Share your thoughts and intentions, and let your feelings be known. A change in status, reputation or position can be expected. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Keep your life simple and your conversations limited. Don't feel you have to get involved in what others are doing if it isn't your thing or you don't want to spend the money. Do whatever is in your best interest. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Networking events will pay off. The people you encounter will have plenty of information to share that will help you make an important decision. A personal change will come from something someone has or does. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are influential, thoughtful and entertaining. You are charming and imaginative.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

ALMA MORALES Petitioner, vs. REYNALDO MORALES Respondent.) FCD-DI-CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-0228

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after services of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 505322 Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2018
/s/
Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF SAIPAN Plaintiff -V- ANTONIO B. EVANGELISTA Defendant.) CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-1017

FIFTH AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to a Judgement issued by the Court in this matter on March 28, 2017, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot no. 060 T 115, situated in Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 924 square meters, more or less, as shown on the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat no. 060 T 04 dated May 5, 1983, the description being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, November 2, 2018, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

Dated, this 2nd day of October, 2018.

MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctionner

Red Sox bag 4th World Series title in 15 seasons

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chris Sale's final pitch for this Boston juggernaut triggered a celebration on the Dodger Stadium infield, among thousands of fans who made their way to California—and even outside Fenway Park back home.

The quest is complete. Yes, these 2018 Red Sox really are that great.

A team to remember from top to bottom. A season to savor from start to finish.

David Price proved his postseason mettle, Steve Pearce homered twice and Boston beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-1 on Sunday to finish off a one-sided World Series in five games.

A tormented franchise during decades of frustration and despair before ending an 86-year championship drought in 2004, the Red Sox have become baseball's team of the century with four titles in 15 seasons.

"Seeing all these grown men over there, just acting like kids, that's what it's all about," Price said after pitching three-hit ball into the eighth inning on short rest. "This is why I came to Boston."

After losing on opening day, Alex Cora's team romped to a 17-2 start and a club-record 108 wins, then went 11-3 in the postseason, dispatching the 100-win New York Yankees and the 103-victory and defending champion Houston Astros in the playoffs. Cora, a player on Boston's 2007 champions, became the first manager from Puerto Rico to win a title and just the fifth rookie skipper overall.

Pearce, the World Series MVP, hit a two-run homer on Clayton Kershaw's sixth pitch. Solo homers by Mookie Betts in the sixth inning and J.D. Martinez in the seventh quieted the crowd, and Pearce added a solo drive off Pedro Baez in the eighth.

"Best feeling in my life," Pearce said.

A June acquisition from Toronto, Pearce had three homers and seven RBIs in the final two games. Thousands of Boston fans remained on the first-base side of the stadium long after the final out, chanting "Let's go Red Sox!" and singing "Sweet Caroline."

Of course, they let loose a few choice words about the rival Yankees, too.

Players' families, many dressed in red, congregated on the field to join the celebration, some holding babies, some watching children run across the outfield in glee.

"This is the greatest Red Sox team in history," owner John Henry proclaimed after receiving the Series trophy.

After losing to Houston in Game 7 last year by the same 5-1 score, the Dodgers became the first team ousted on its home field in consecutive World Series since the New York Giants by the New York Yankees at the Polo Grounds in 1936 and '37. Los Angeles remains without a championship since 1988.

"Ran up against a very good ballclub—and just a little bit too much for us," said manager Dave Roberts, who played for Boston's 2004 champions.

AP
The Boston Red Sox celebrate after Game 5 of baseball's World Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018, in Los Angeles. The Red Sox won, 5-1, to close the series, 4-1.

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because we know a lot are suffering. The staff of the hotel are so busy cleaning up so it's important that we also help out since we're staying here and have nothing to do," Manguin said.

"We have a place to stay and are comfortable with it. We have food and water, so we're OK. A lot of people here are not OK, so helping out is the least we could do," said Manguin, adding that experiencing typhoon was new to them.

"In France, we don't have this. Our families were worried about us, but after we called them and told them we are safe, they are fine," the Paris native said.

The group arrived on Saipan last Oct. 14 and was very excited to see the beauty of the island.

"It's an amazing place, very nice beaches and views. We came here early so we have time to train. We went to Suicide Cliff for the bike and it was beautiful. Unfortunately, we're not able to race," Cochard said.

"But it's OK. It's more important to help the people here in our own little way," said Rochier, who along with her daughter, Cochard, and Manguin assisted Kanoa Resort the same morning Yutu left the island devastated.

Kanoa Resort staff member Tam Williams tipped his hats off to their guests.

"They could just stay in their room and relax, but they chose to help us out in cleaning the resort. They made the water safer by removing the tin roofs and other stuffs that were blown away. We truly appreciate their kindness, especially at this time when everyone is struggling and trying to recover from the typhoon," Williams said. "They were not able to race in Ironman Saipan, but they are winners for us."

Cavaliers fire Lue after 0-6 start

CLEVELAND (AP) — Tyronn Lue didn't make it through the season's first month without LeBron James.

The Cleveland Cavaliers fired their coach on Sunday and named assistant Larry Drew interim head coach. The Cavaliers are off to a 0-6 start without James, who left Cleveland this summer for the second time in his career and signed with the Los Angeles Lakers as a free agent.

Lue guided the Cavaliers to an NBA title in 2016—Cleveland's first pro sports championship since 1964—and helped the team to four straight Finals.

"We thank him for the many ways he has contributed to our success, wish him the best and he will always be remembered for leading a very special Cavs team back against the odds to win the title in 2016," general manager Koby Altman said in a statement. "This is a different team equation, though, and one that we felt needed a different voice and approach that required this change."

Warriors 120, Nets 114

In New York, Stephen Curry set another NBA record by making seven 3-pointers and finished with 35 points as the Golden State Warriors held on to beat the Brooklyn Nets.

Kevin Durant added 34 for the Warriors, who appeared on their way to another easy win before the Nets made it close with some sizzling 3-point shooting.

Curry finally turned them back when his final 3-pointer made it 115-108 with 1:07 to play. He has made at least five 3s in all seven games, breaking George McCloud's record of six games in a row during the 1995-96 season.

Thunder 117, Suns 110

In Oklahoma City, Paul George and Russell Westbrook each scored 23 points, and Oklahoma City got its first win of the season.

Nerlens Noel had 20 points and 15 rebounds and Patrick Patterson added 17 points for the Thunder.

Rookie Elie Okobo scored 18 points and No. 1 overall draft pick Deandre Ayton added 16 points and 11 rebounds for Phoenix.

Jazz 113, Mavericks 104

In Dallas, Rudy Gobert and De Andre Jordan recorded their sixth straight double-doubles in six games this season to lead Utah.

Gobert finished with 23 points and 16 rebounds, and Jordan added 12 points, 4 for 4 from the line, 19 rebounds and a career-high nine assists.

Coca-Cola beats M&R Contractor

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Coca-Cola barged into the win column after topping M&R Contractor, 80-71, in the second game in the 2018 JP World Corp. Customer Appreciation Basketball League last Tuesday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Mel Capalad and Edward Armia teamed up in hitting baskets in streaks to lift Coca-Cola to its fist victory in three games. Capalad fired a game-high 33 points, while Armia contributed 30.

The duo combined for 17 of their squad's total points to hand Coca-Cola a 22-19 advantage in the first quarter. Capalad scored the team's first 5 markers, while Armia had the last 8 in the opening frame. Capalad also made Coca-Cola's first two baskets in the second canto and finished the half with 18, while Armia added 6 to come up with 16 at the break, which saw Coca-Cola on top by double figures, 45-33.

Coca-Cola's 1-2 punch was still on target in the third, as the squad kept the twin-digit advantage, 59-49, entering the final canto. Capalad and Armia scored all, but one of their team's basket in the penultimate frame.

Then in the fourth quarter, Capalad closed out strong, making 10 points to foil M&R's comeback bid. Armia chipped in 4 markers.

Efren Mallari led M&R Contractor's losing cause with his 25 points and his team remained winless after three matches.

Coca-Cola 80 — Capalad 33, Armia 30, Nuique 8, Pua 5, Deang 4.

M&R Contractor 71 — Mallari 25, Surima 17, Cabuwagan 10, Solivo 8, Conti 4, Buniag 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-19, 45-33, 59-49, 80-71.

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KAN PACIFIC POOL CLOSED

NMIFA committed to repair training center

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REPORTER

Northern Mariana Islands Football Association has expressed its full commitment to repair the damage sustained by the NMI Soccer Training Center.

"We are committed to do the necessary repairs at the training center to bring back organized competitions and soccer activities for our youth and other players and officials," NMIFA president Jerry Tan said.

The NMIFA head added that though the training facility in Koblerville suffered significant damage, they are still fortunate that the main pitch and bleachers would only require minor repairs and the association's office is intact," Tan said.

The secondary pitch was the one hammered by Super Typhoon Yutu, as it was completely torn, while the fence will also need full repair. The lighting (one side) needs fixing, too along with the covered team shelter/portable dugouts.

As for the timetable for the repair work, the NMIFA head could not give a definite date.

"It will all depend on the availability of materials and manpower. We know that a lot of construction companies will be very busy in rebuilding Saipan, so we can't say yet when will the repairs start and be completed. But, one thing is sure—we will repair the facility," Tan said.

Meanwhile, East Asian Football Federation, Asian Football Confederation, Japan Football Association, and Guam Football Association have reached out to NMIFA after learning what happened to the facility and Saipan.

"We got calls and letters from our friends in the soccer community and we are very thankful for their concern. They have expressed their desire to help and we will very much appreciate any financial assistance we could receive from our friends and supporters from AFC, EAFF, GFA, and JFA," Tan said.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The artificial turf at the secondary pitch at the NMI Soccer Training Center was ripped off by Super Typhoon Yutu.

FRENCH TRIATHLETES HELP OUT

Ironman Saipan 'winners'

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French triathletes Frederic Manguin, Eric Rochier, and Pascal Cochard swam back to the shore last Saturday, completing a two-lap swim.

No. They did not finish the swim leg of the 2018 Ironman 70. 3 Saipan. The race was canceled. They swam in the waters off Kanoa Resort to retrieve tin roofs that were blown away to the sea when Super Typhoon Yutu slammed the island late Wednesday evening to early Thursday morning.

The three triathletes were among the Ironman 70.3 Saipan participants stuck on the island and decided to give a helping hand to the community in the aftermath of the Category 5 typhoon.

"When we were told that the race was canceled because of the typhoon, we know we have to find a way to do something good," said Rochier.

Rochier, along with her daughter, Manon helped Kanoa Resort staff sweep debris from the fallen tree branches and plants at the hotel grounds before joining his fellow triathletes in the water to bring big tin roofs to the shore.

"We got them where the water was about shoulder deep," said Cochard, a veteran of Ironman races around the world.

"After the typhoon, we want to have the opportunity to help the people on island

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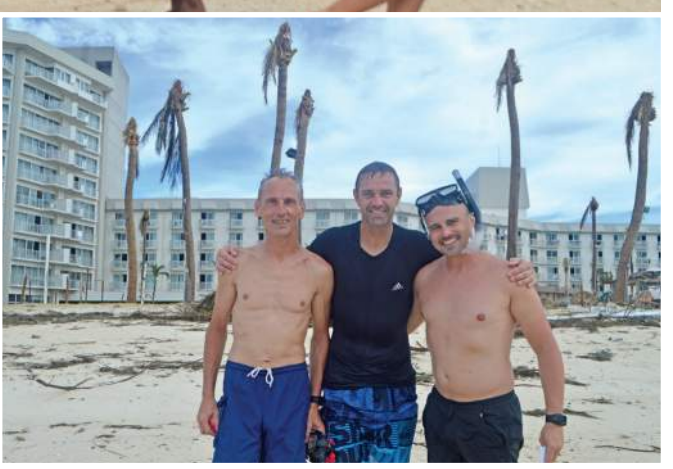
ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Three triathletes from France pull tin roofs out of the waters off Kanoa Resort as they joined the hotel's clean up activity last Saturday.



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From left, Pascal Cochard, Eric Rochier, and Frederic Manguin pose for a photo for *Saipan Tribune* after pulling out tin roofs from the waters off Kanoa Resort.